FUKU-CHAN

JAPANESE CHILDREN IN COMICS

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To Allied Occupation Forces

Fuku-chan of the comics has been my favourite for many years.

The children of Japan, including Fuku-chan who is a living child to my mind and to all the people of Japan, are just now in the most adverse state of living. But, I am quite sure they do not feel the difficulties which are constantly oppressing their elders. They play and enjoy themselves in a world which is entirely their own.

To your eyes, the average Japanese children might not be anything more than a mere nuisance along the roadside, filthy with dirt and grime, and wearing threadbare clothes and, worst of all holloaing "Hallo!" whenever and wherever they happen to meet you. It gives me pain just to think of them. For they, too if only you give them the means to wash up, put them in neat clothing, and hold them up to your close observation, have apple-like cheeks which you would fain to kiss without delay. They too have the many lovely qualities common to the children everywhere.

Fuku-chan, I am sure, represents the average children of Japan, being born among the lower class of people holding the greatest majority of the population.

If Fuku-chan and the like could only grow up amidst the loving kindness of the world, and be given the opportunity to receive proper education, the nation which he and his friends will construct would just inevitably be one beloved by the whole world.

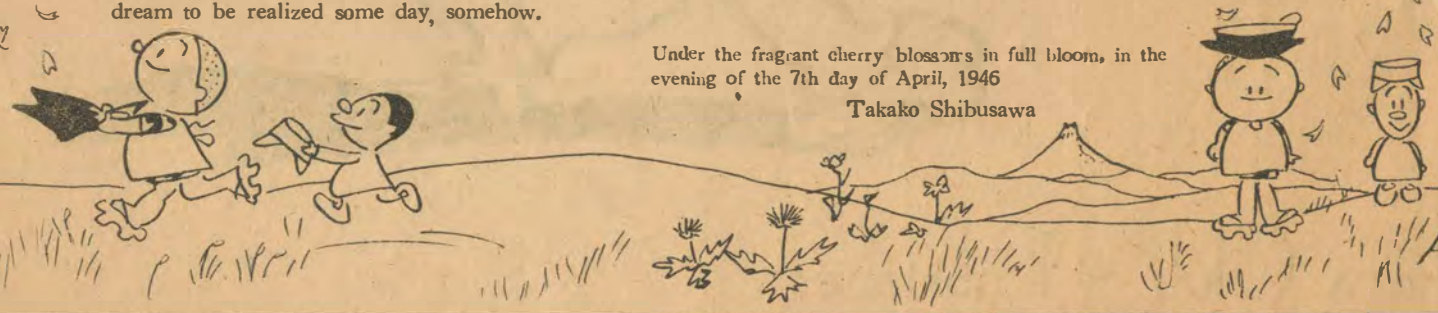
Recently a club has been organized among my friends in order to provide these poor friends if Fuku-chan with healthy books. Children, who are now deprived of their parents, their homes, food, clothing, toys, candies, books and other necessaries of life, ought to be entitled to at least a certain number of books as a means to regain the full glory of their childhood.

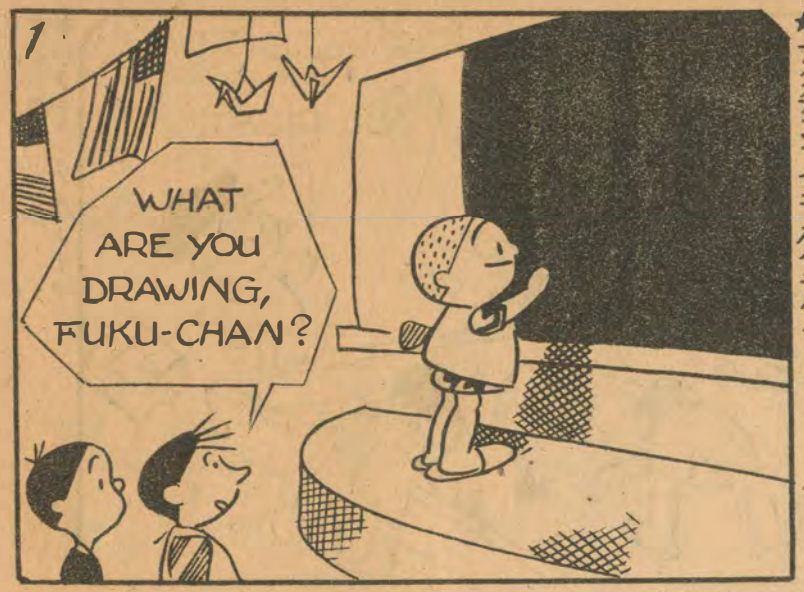
The translation into English of Fuku-chan of the comics, therefore, has the double purpose of introducing this cute little representative of the Japanese "kiddies" to you, and of using the profit therefrom for the above stated purpose of the Club. With much pleasure then do I mention here that such a dream of mine has already been placed on its first stage toward realization, thanks to the full endorsement, consent and support of no other than the author of Fuku-chan himself.

Some day when we shall again be permitted to visit your country, I do hope to send to you our beloved Fuku-chan of the comics and make him get acquainted with your children contributing thus toward the mutual understanding and good will of the respective circles of children. Allow me then to cherish this as my next ambitious dream to be realized some day, somehow.

Under the fragrant cherry blossoms in full bloom, in the evening of the 7th day of April, 1946

Takako Shibusawa





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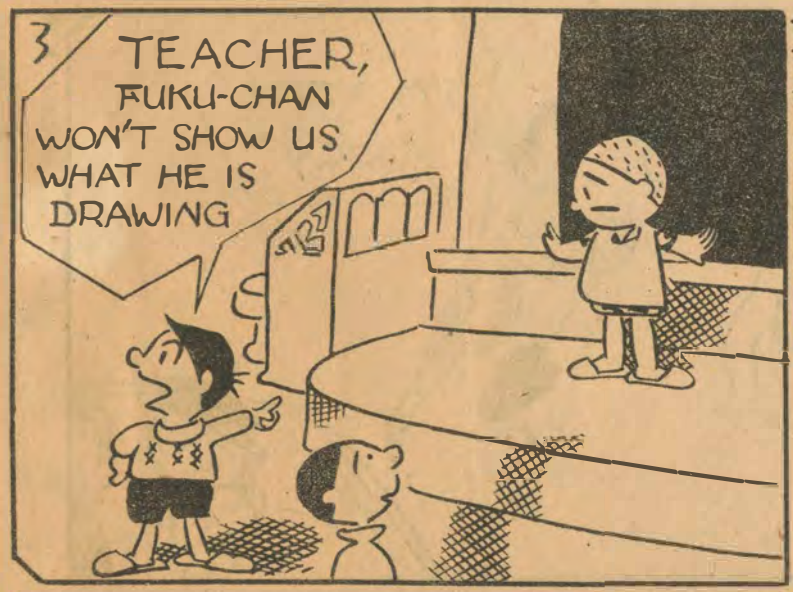

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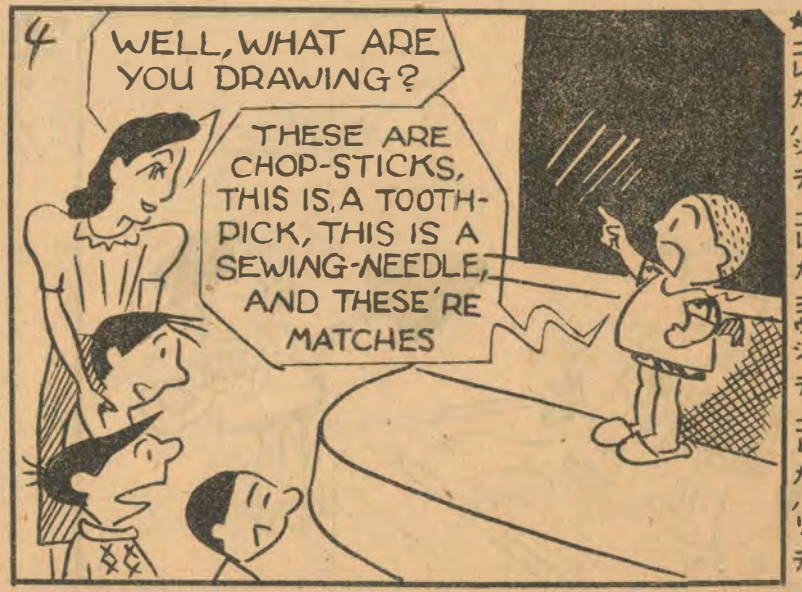

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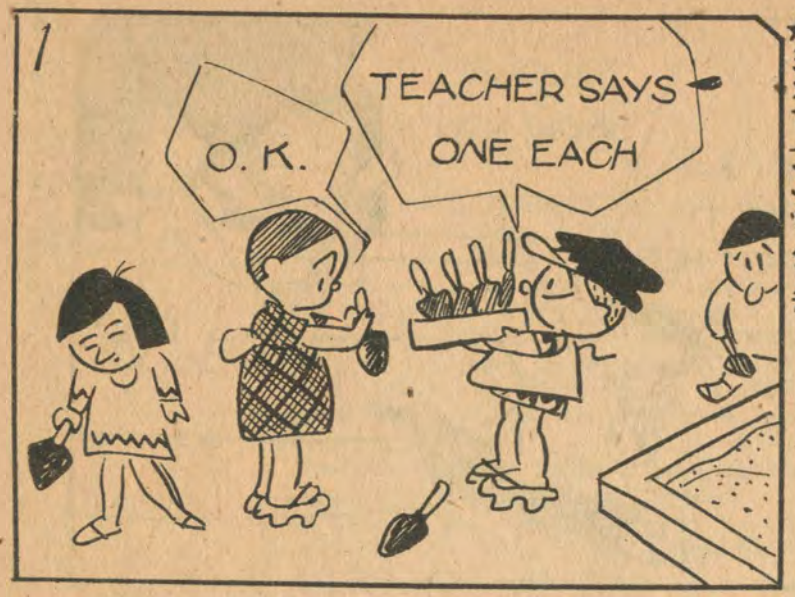

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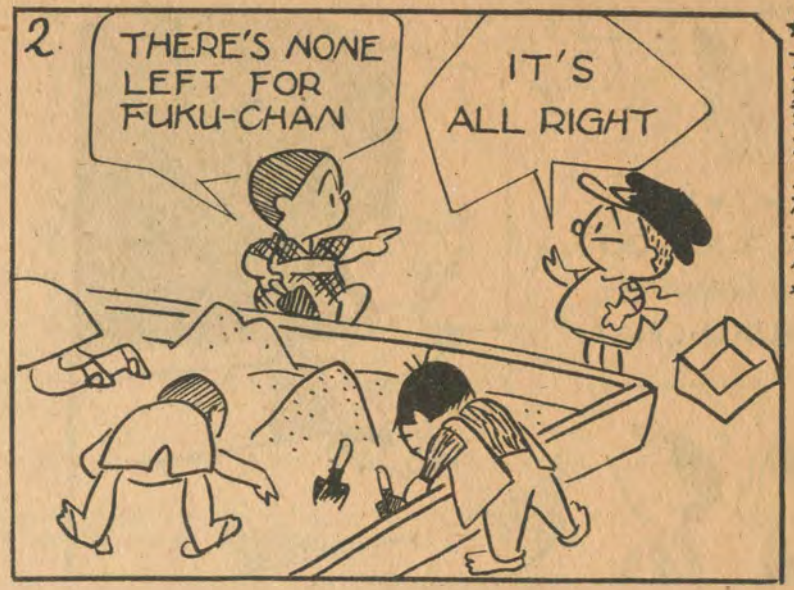

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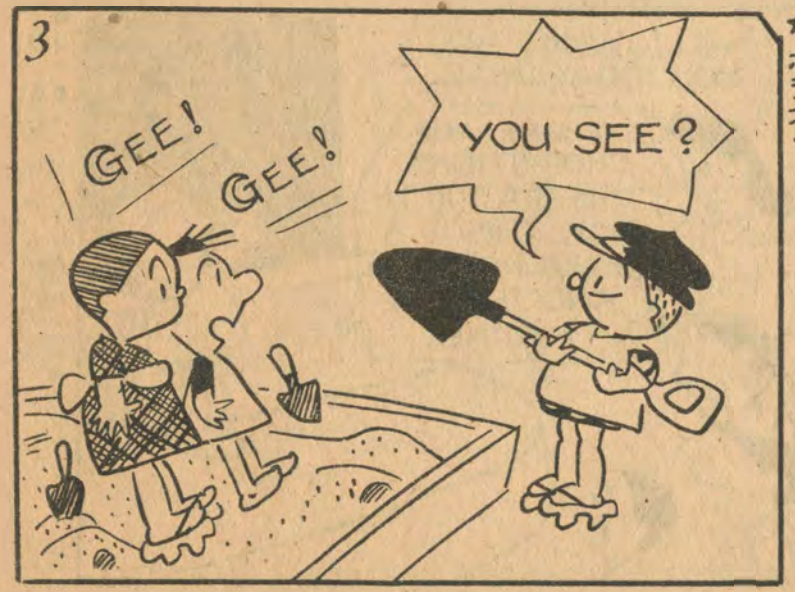

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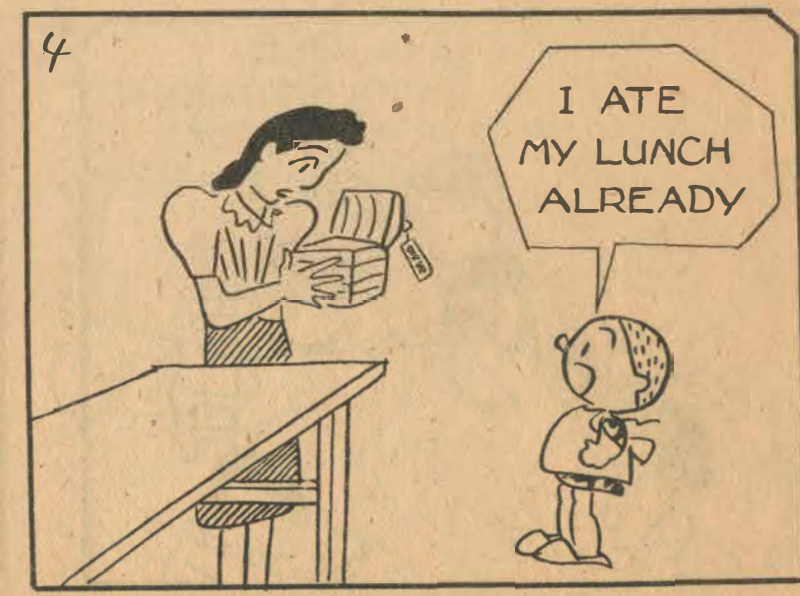

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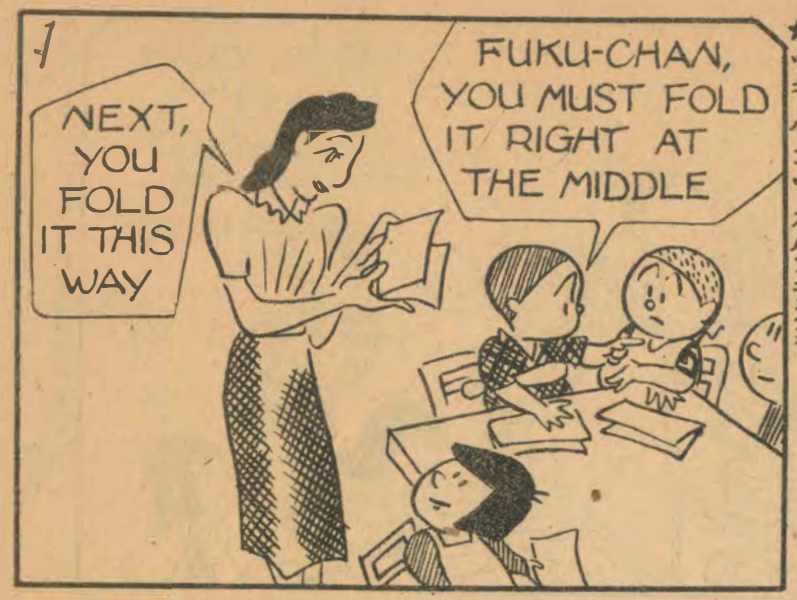

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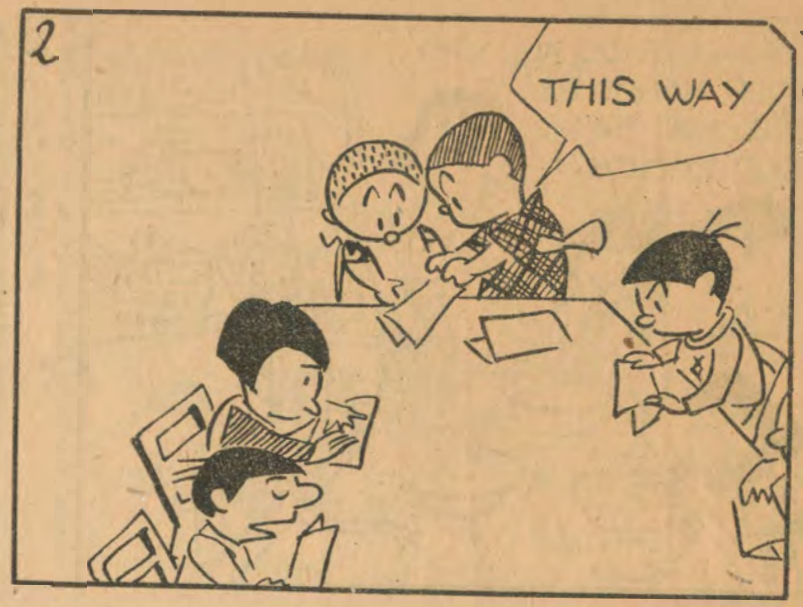

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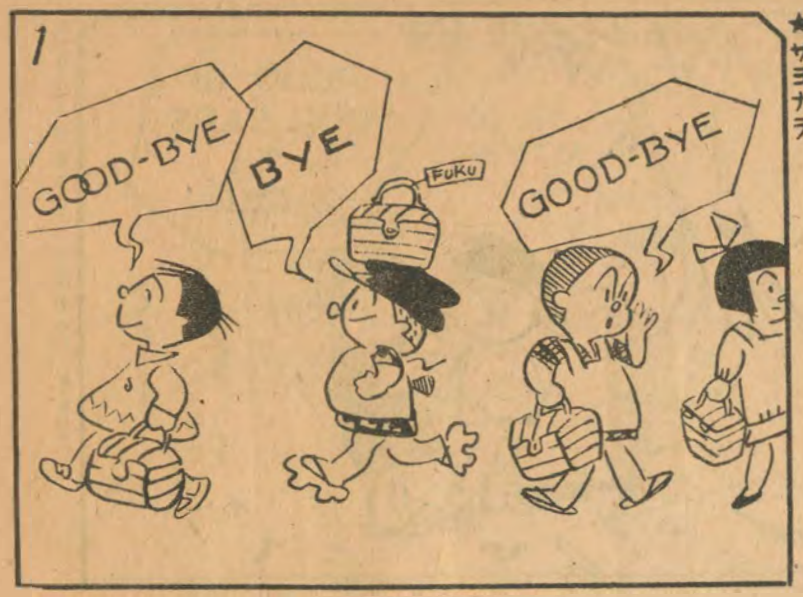

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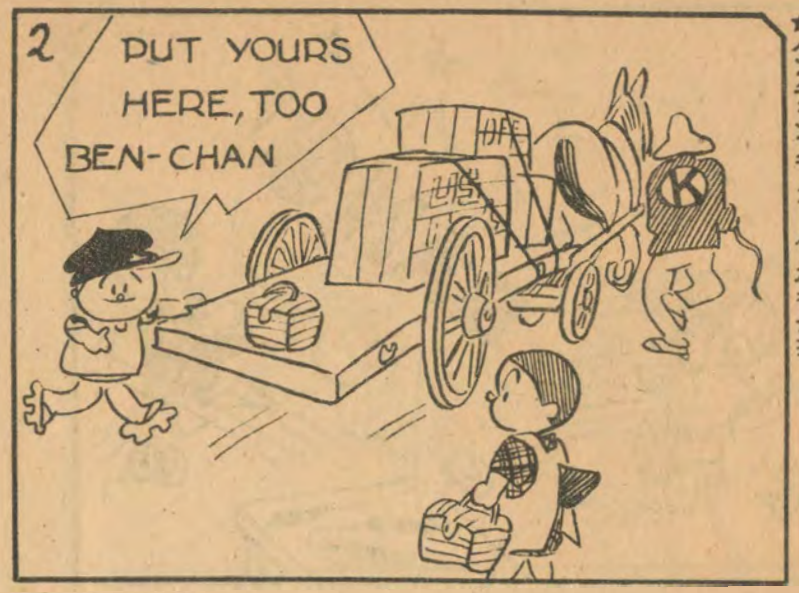

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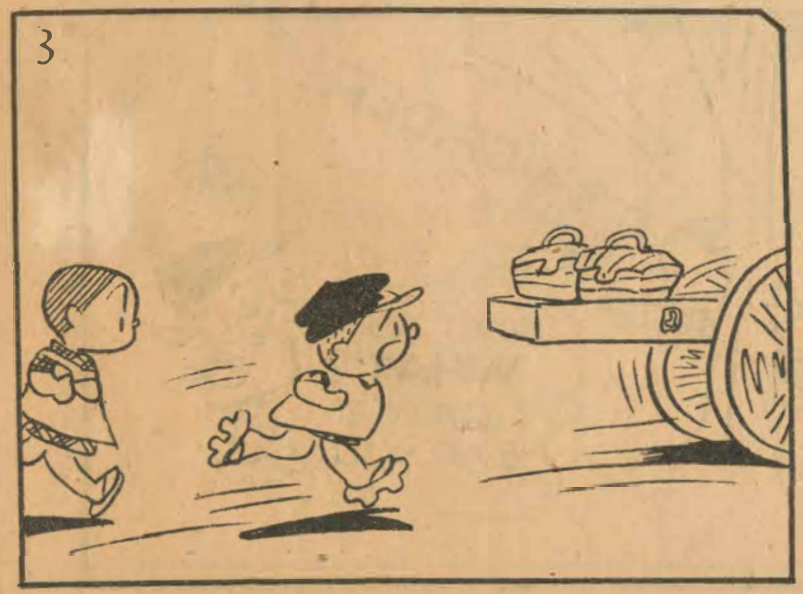

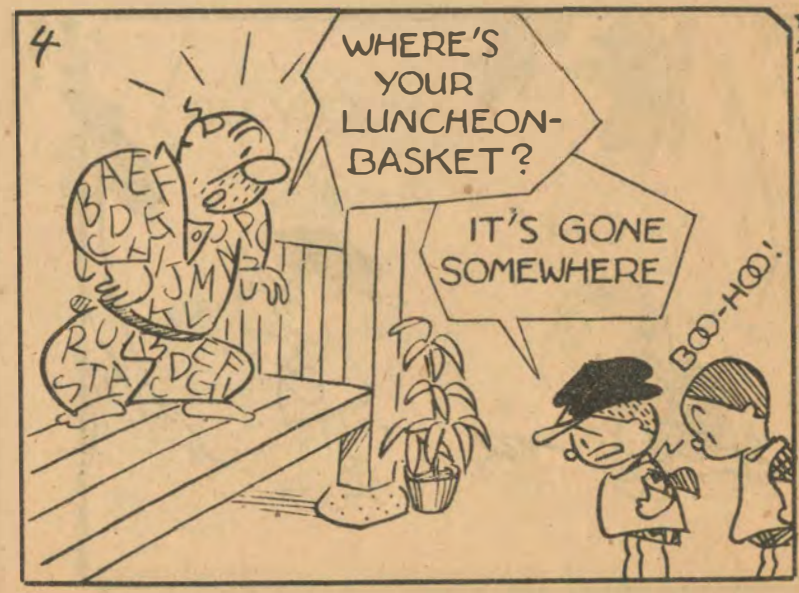

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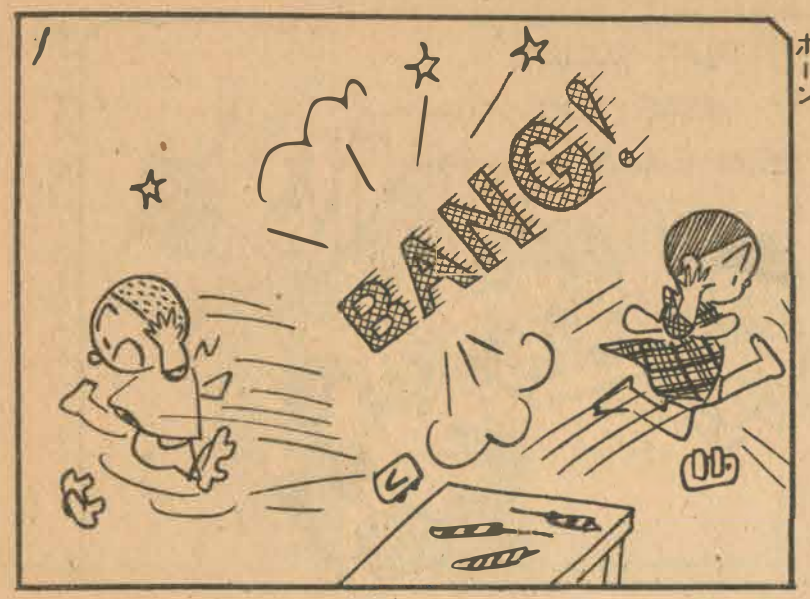

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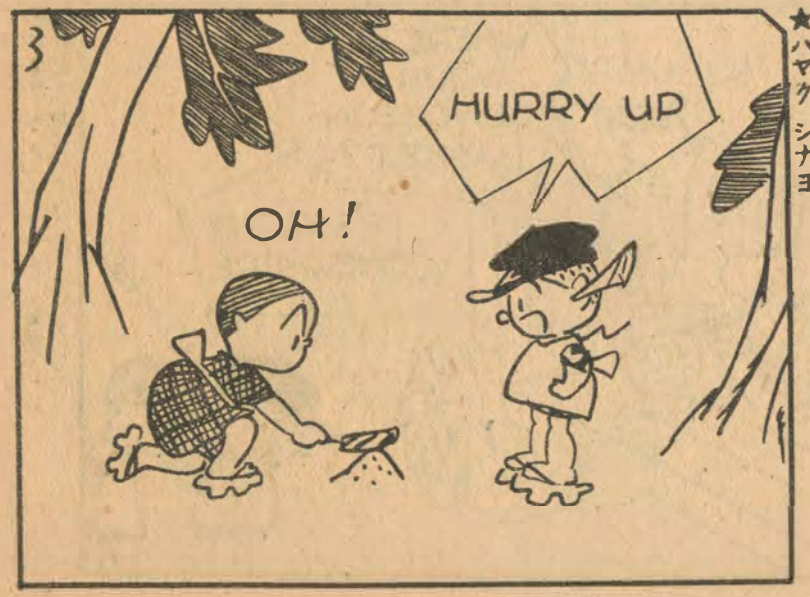

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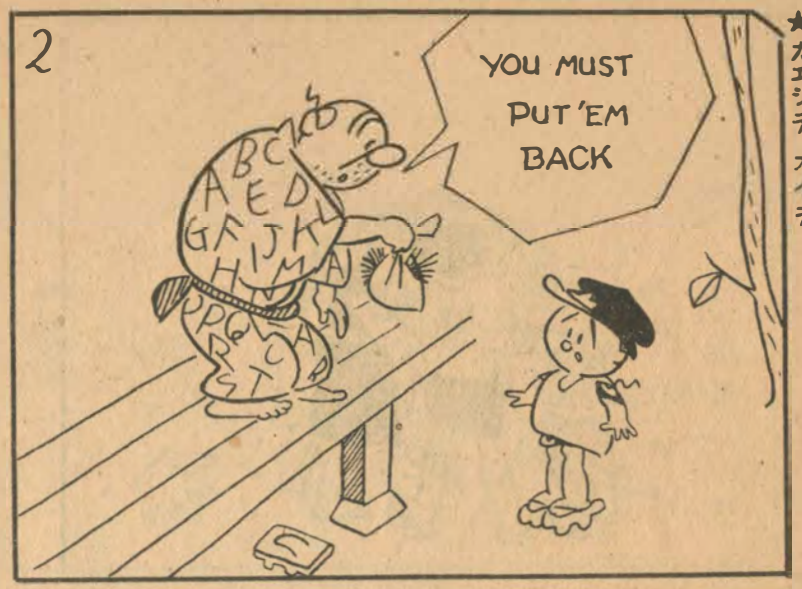

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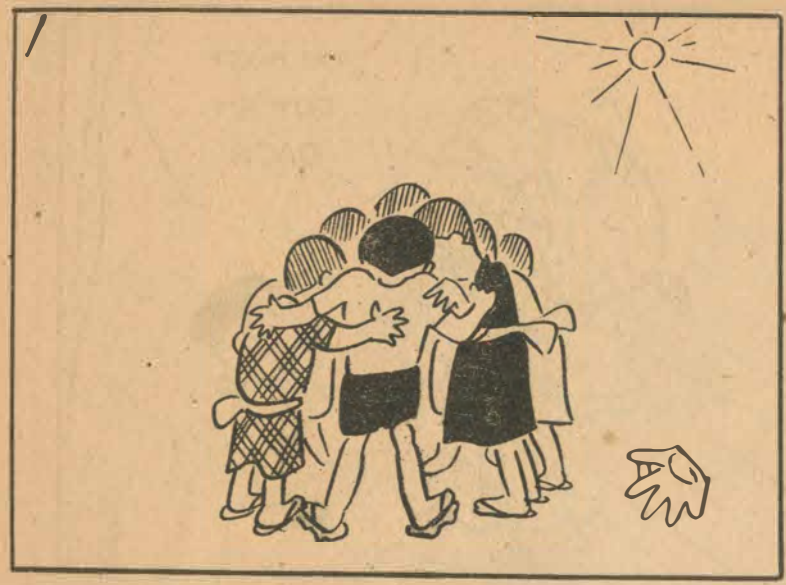

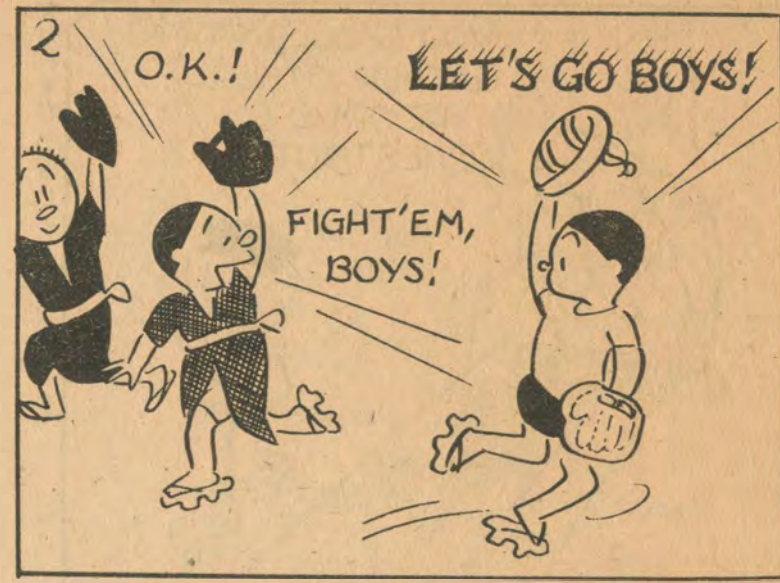

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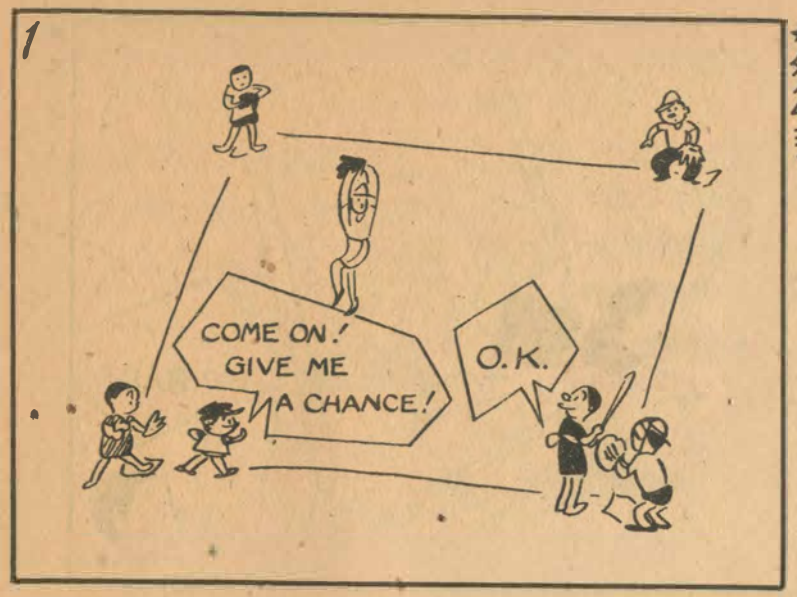

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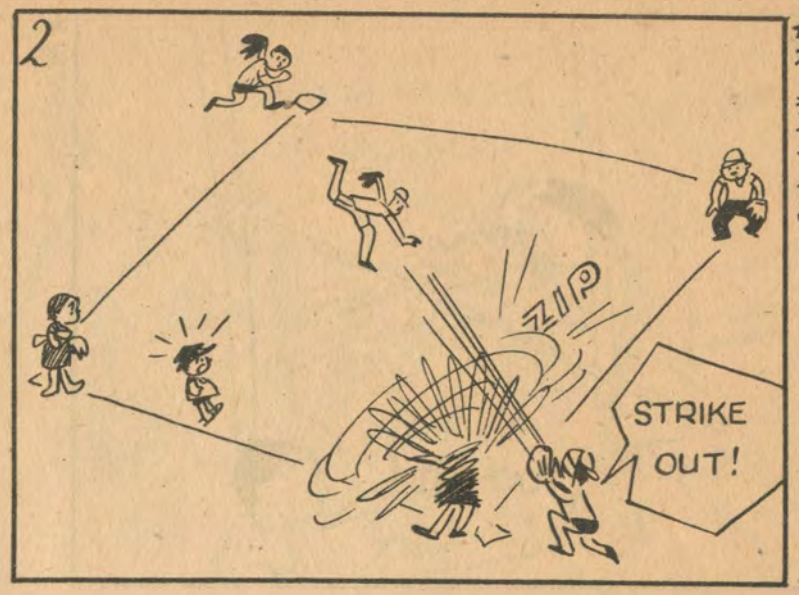

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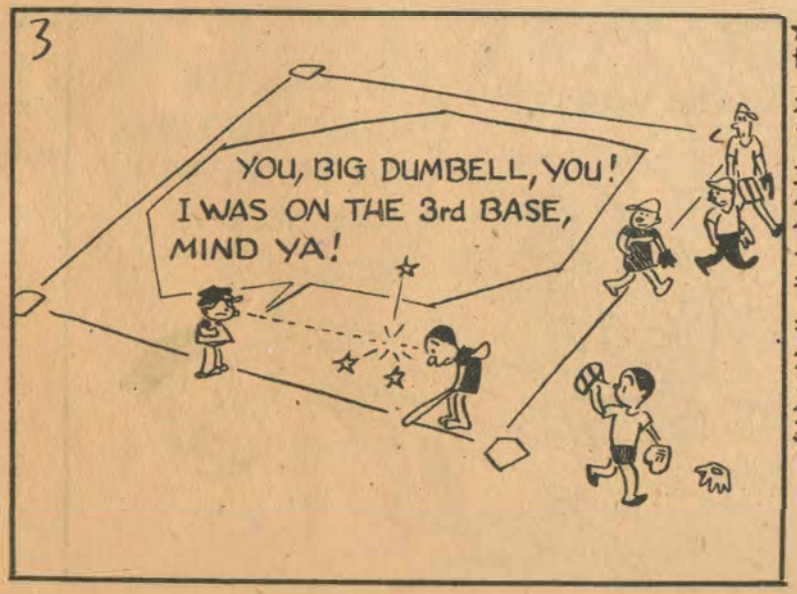

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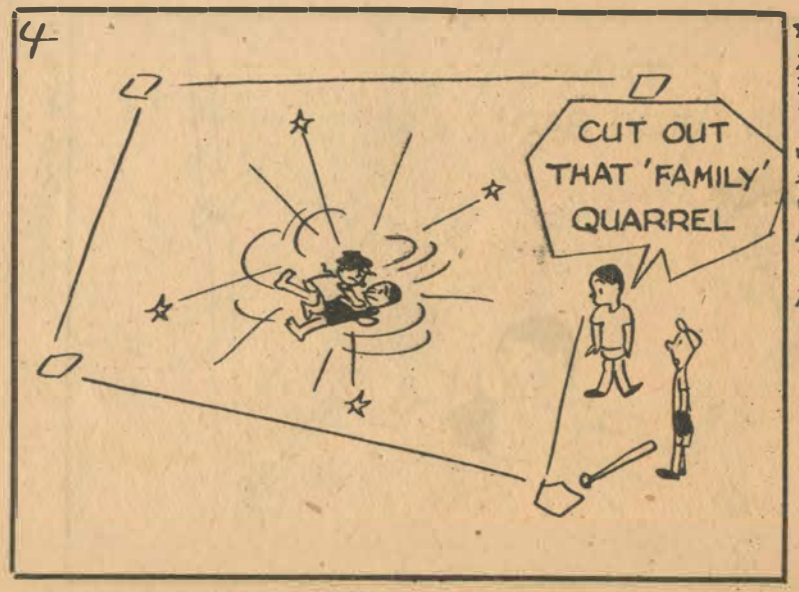

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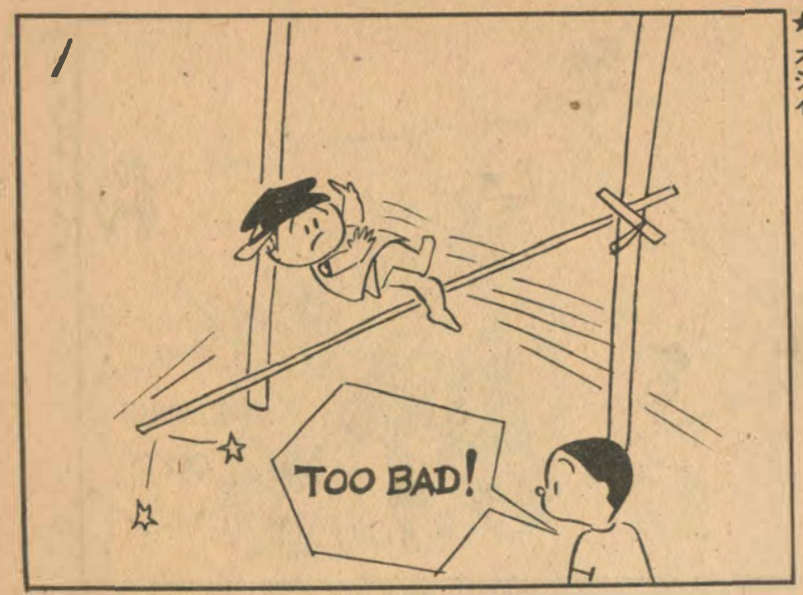

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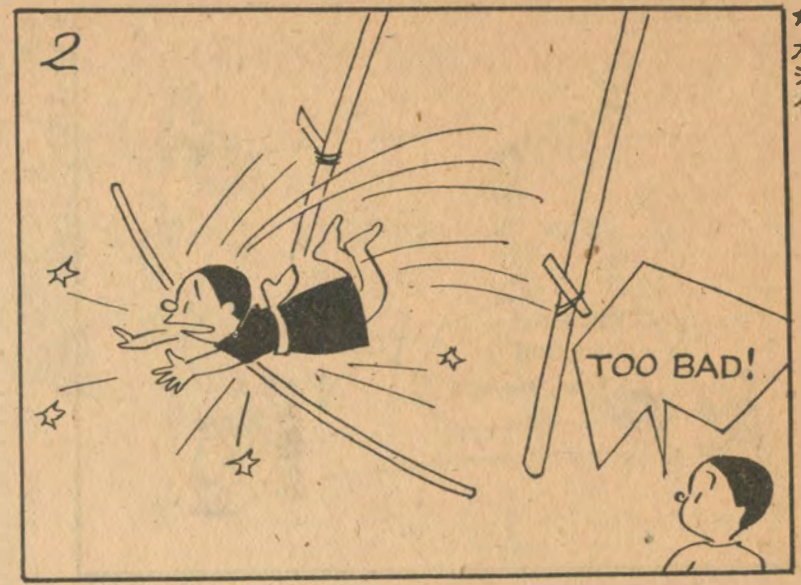

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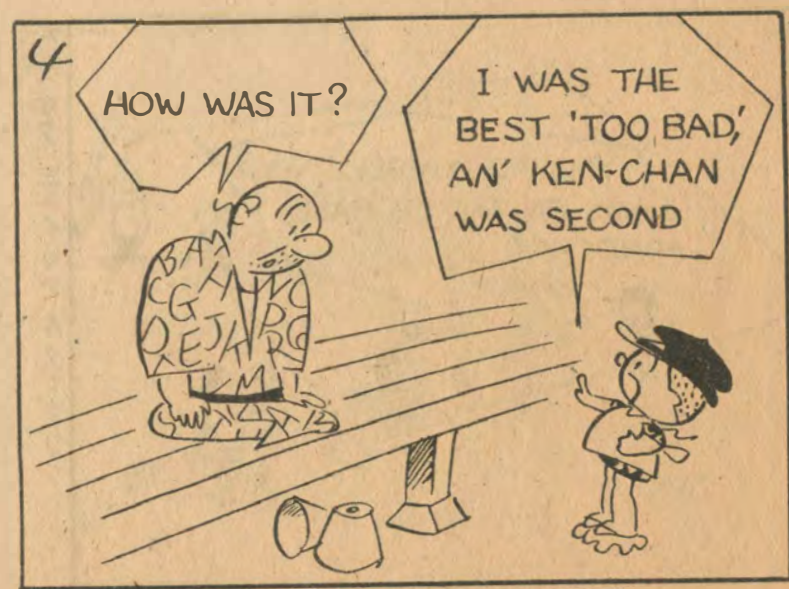

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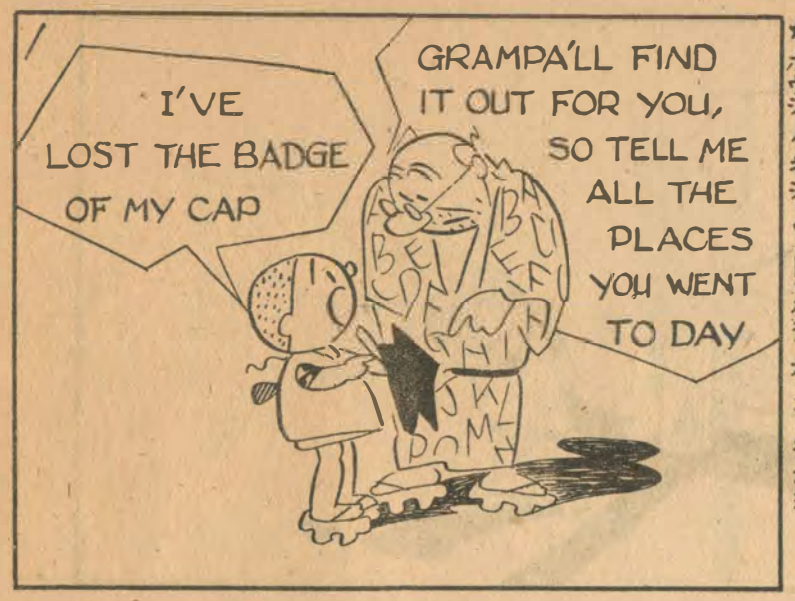

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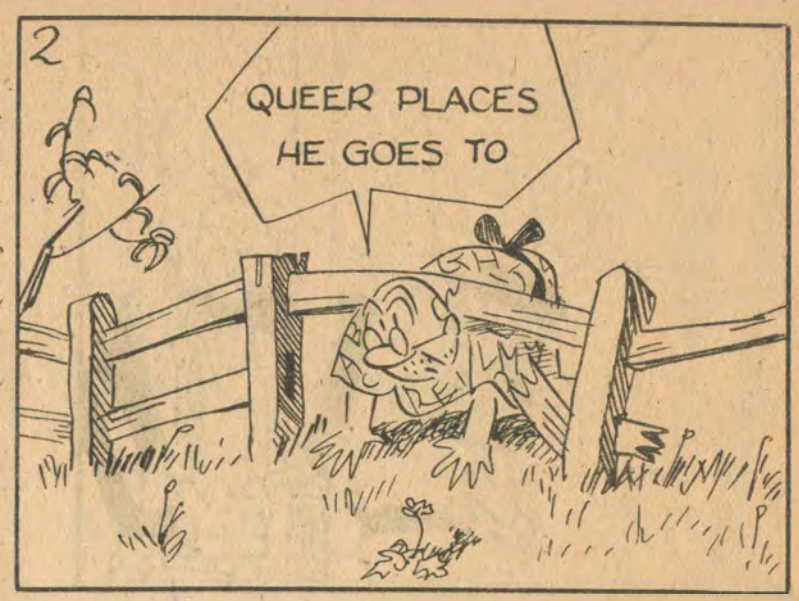

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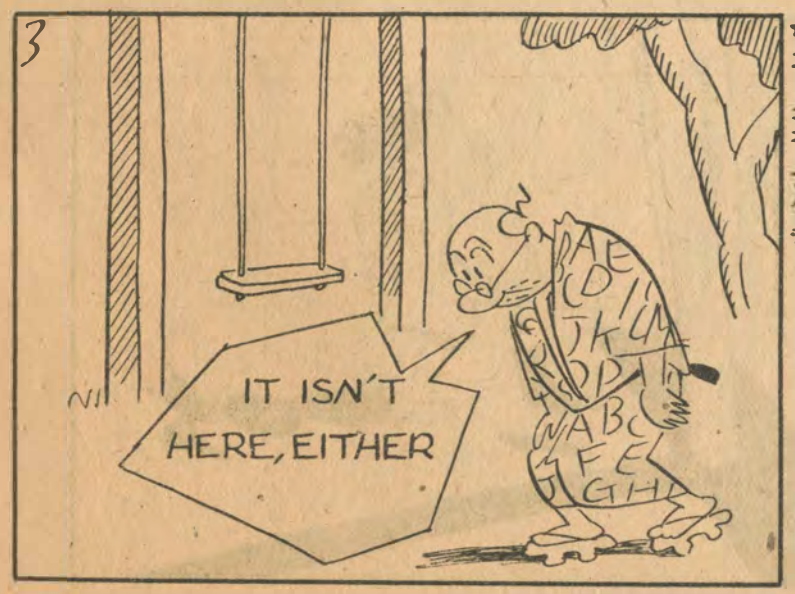

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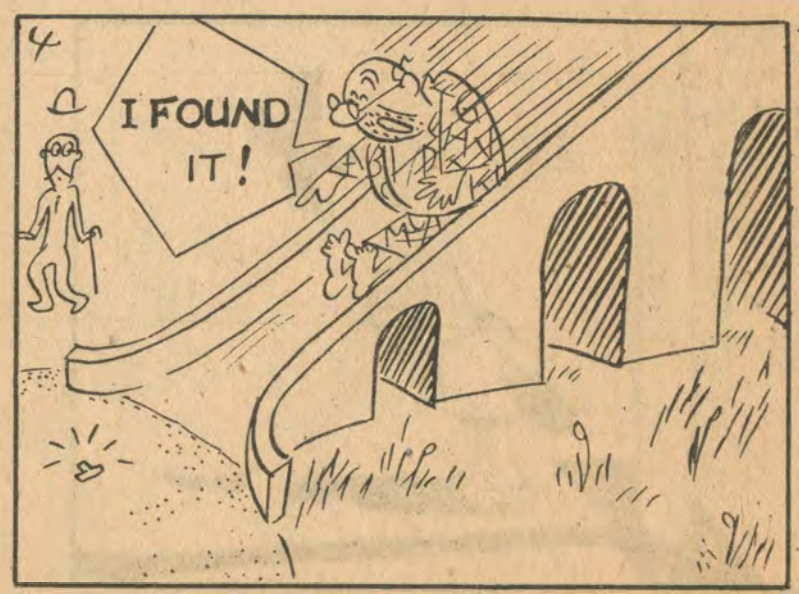

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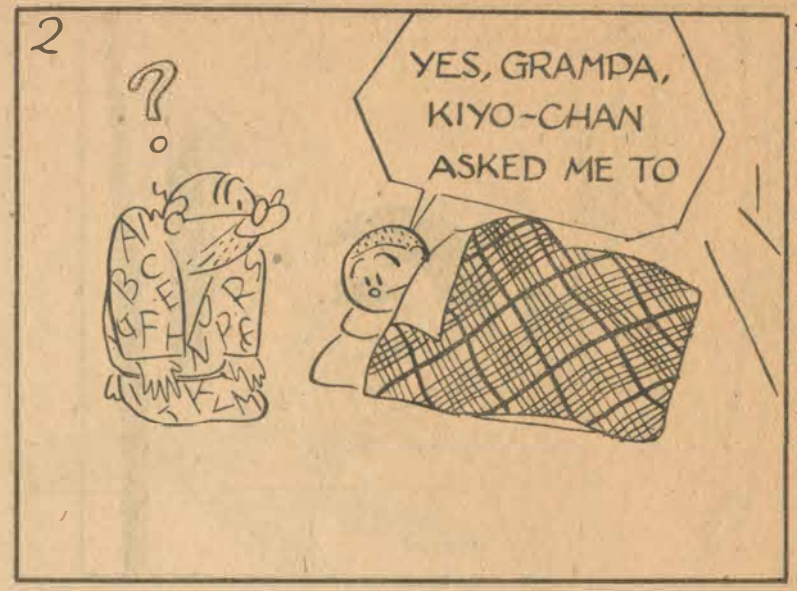

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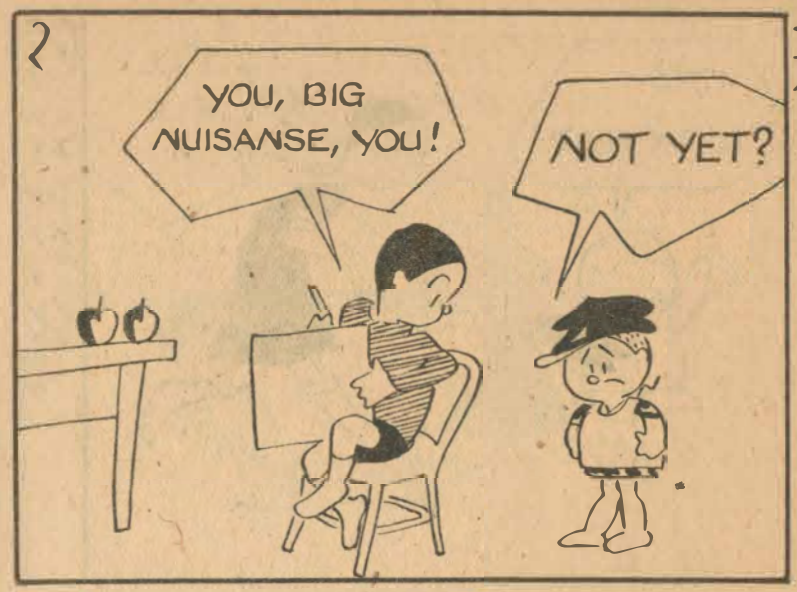

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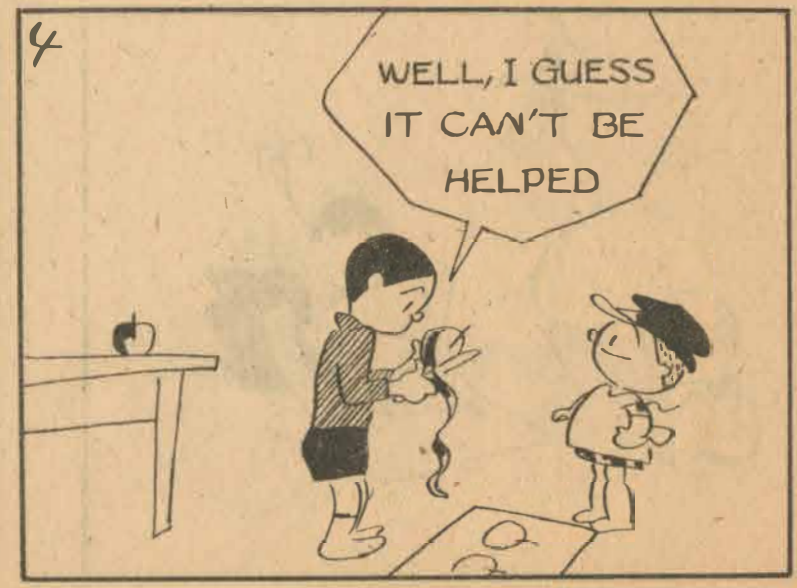

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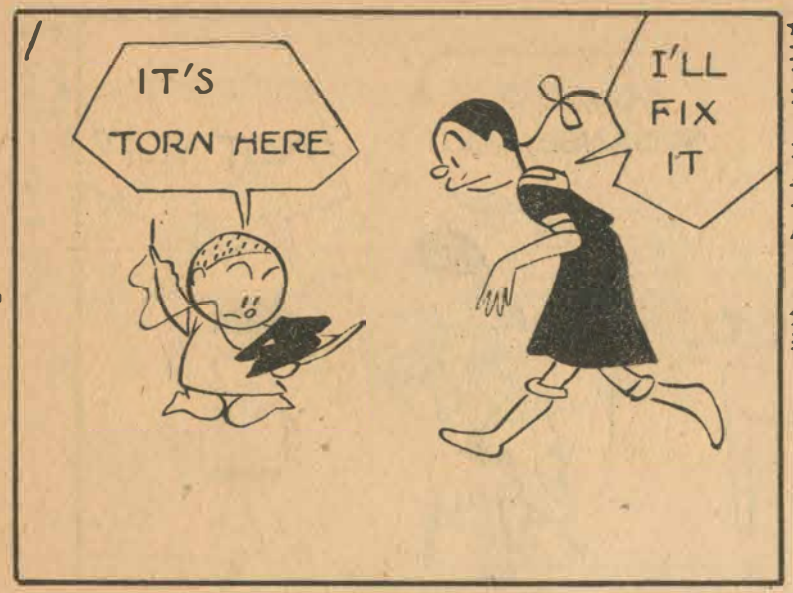

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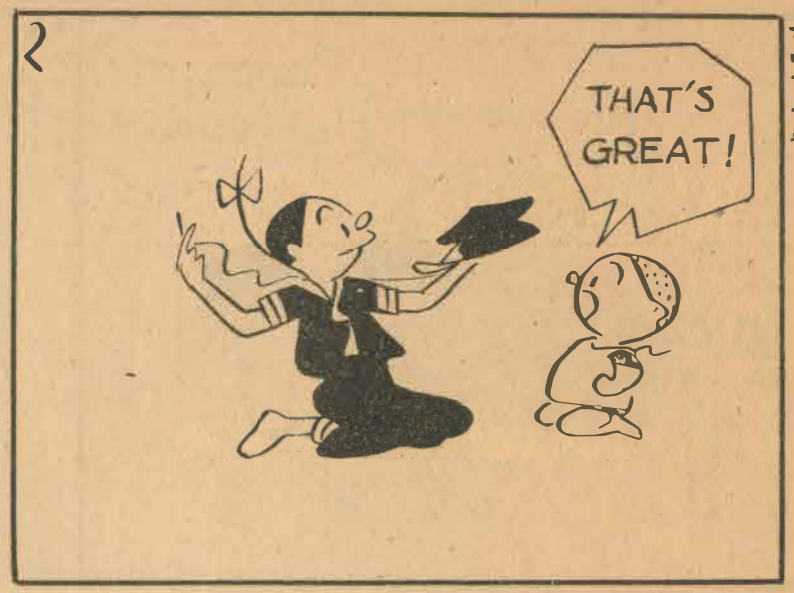

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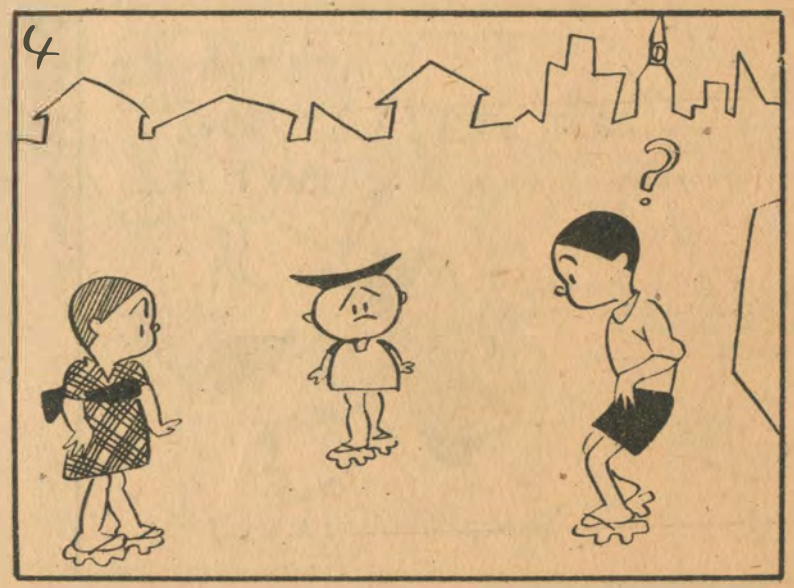

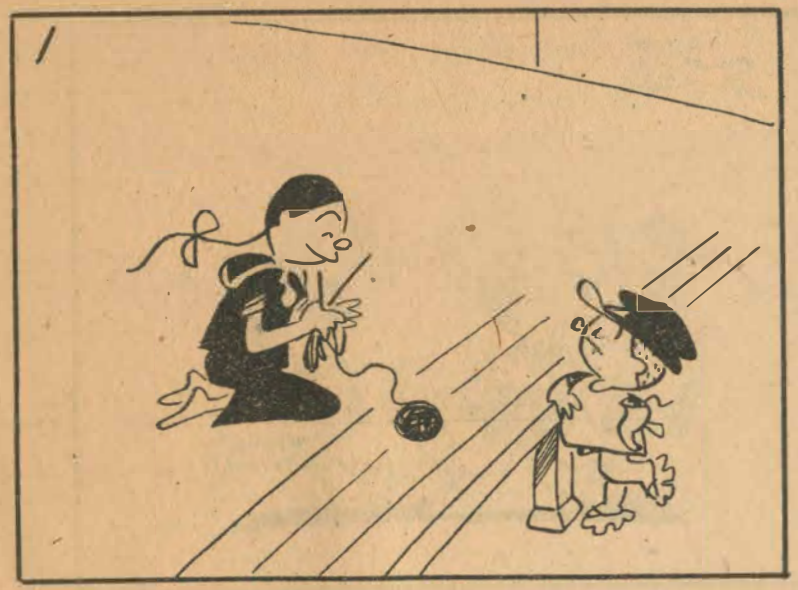

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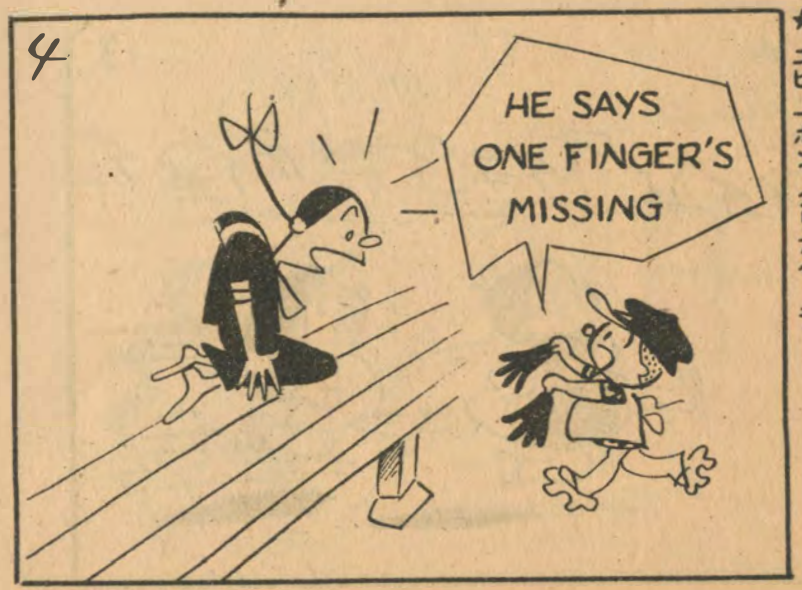

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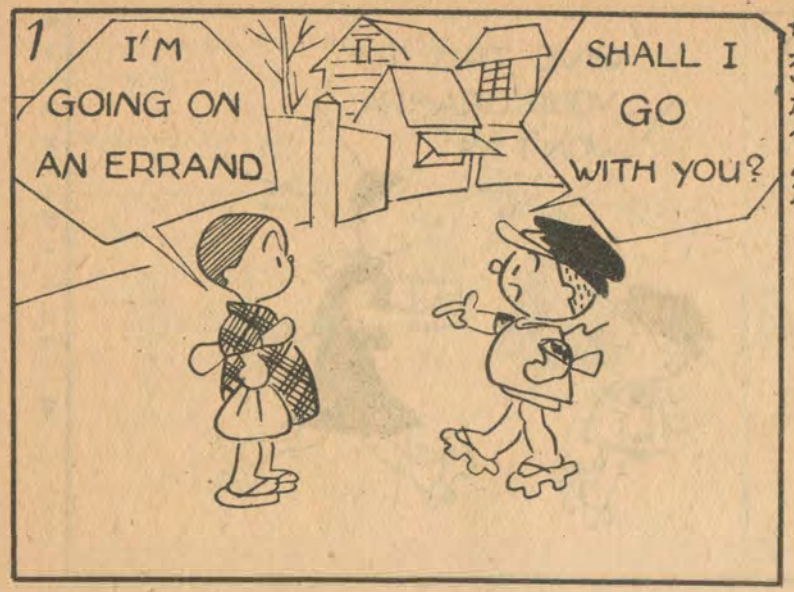

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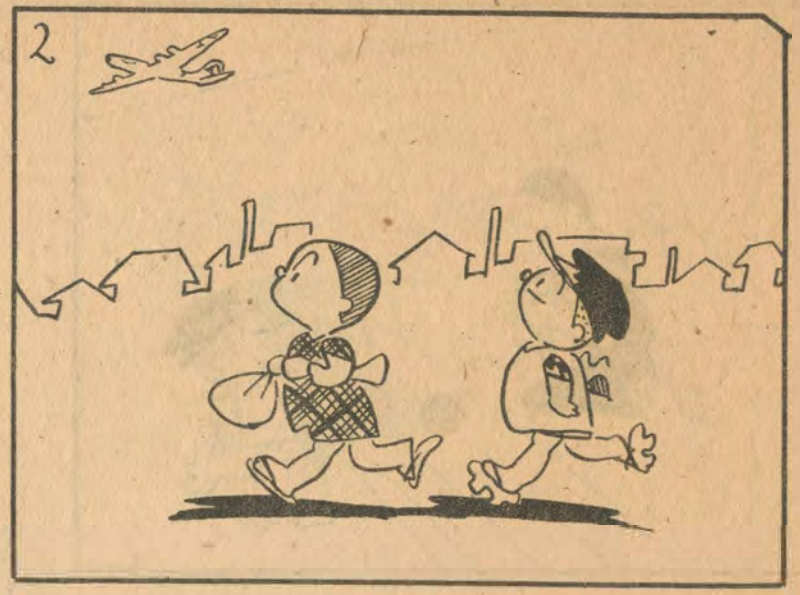

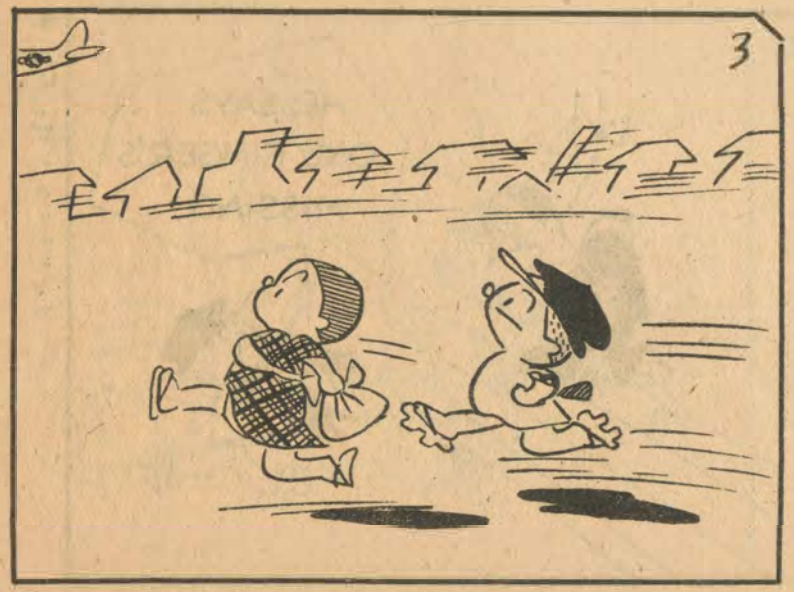

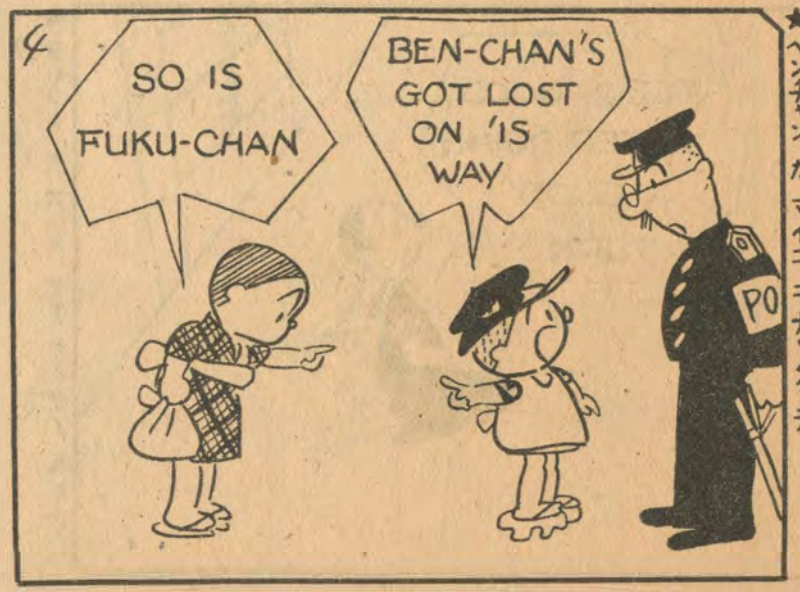

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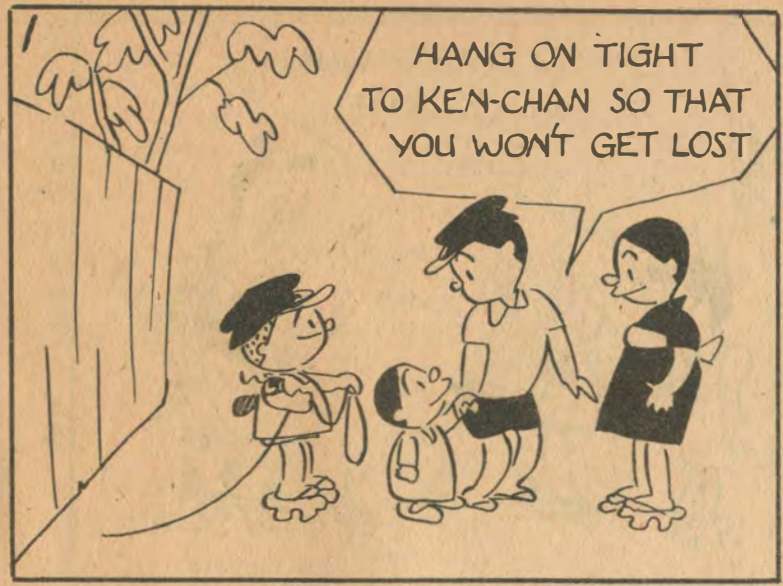

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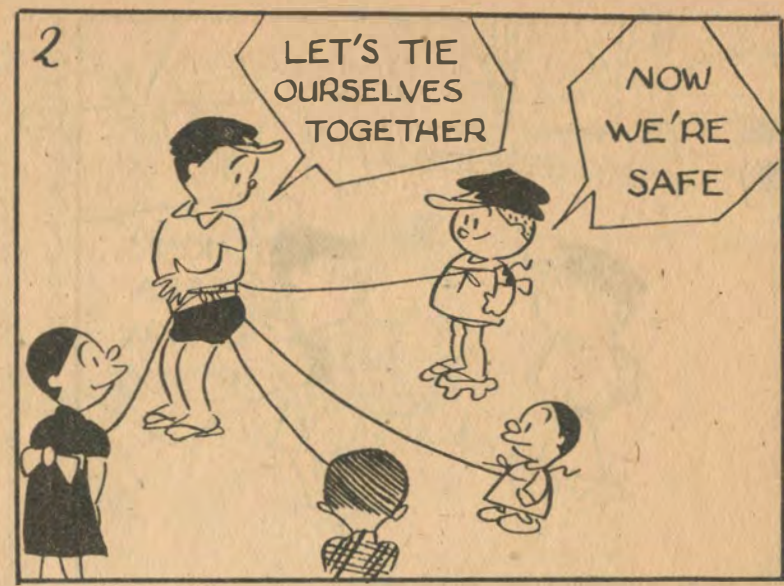

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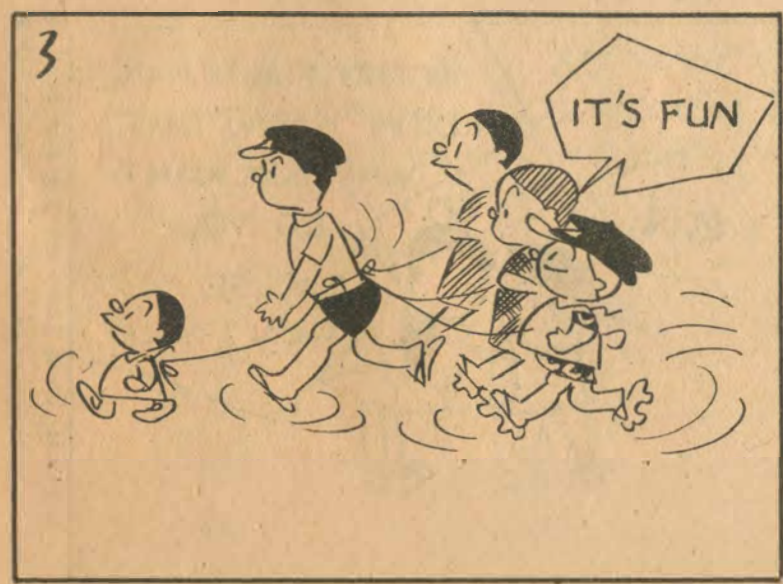

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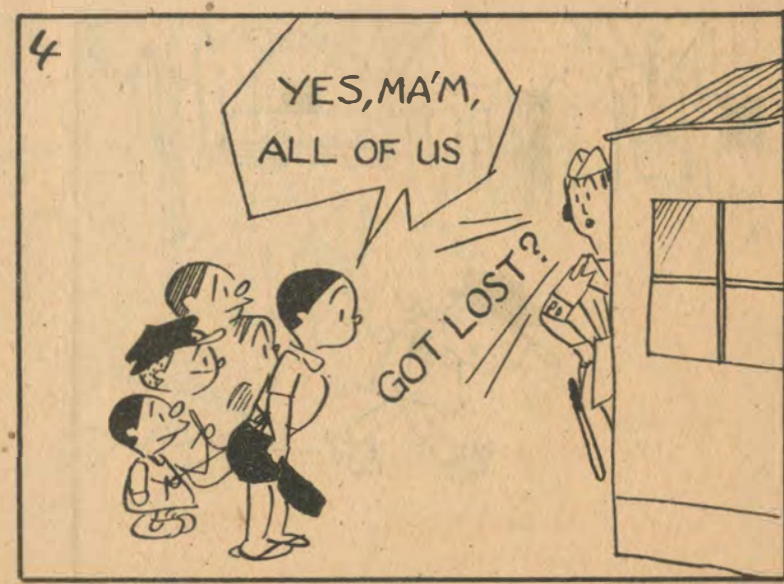

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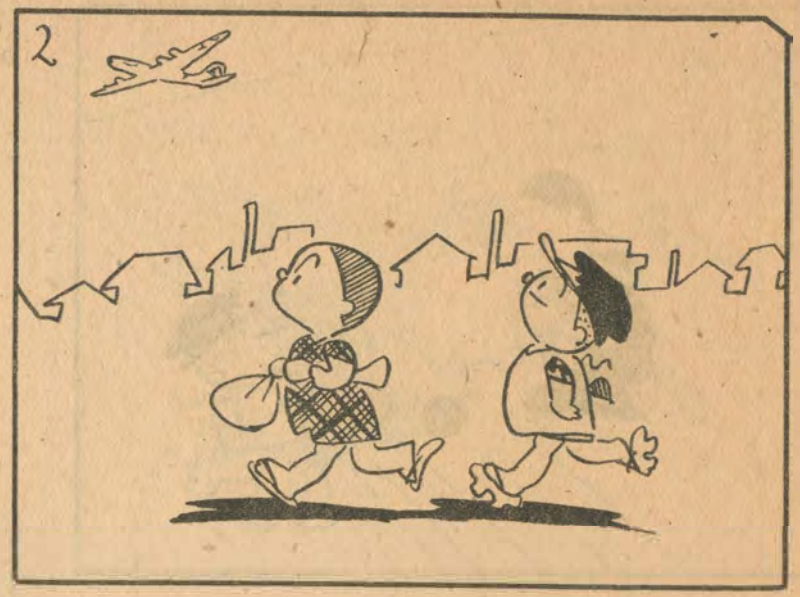

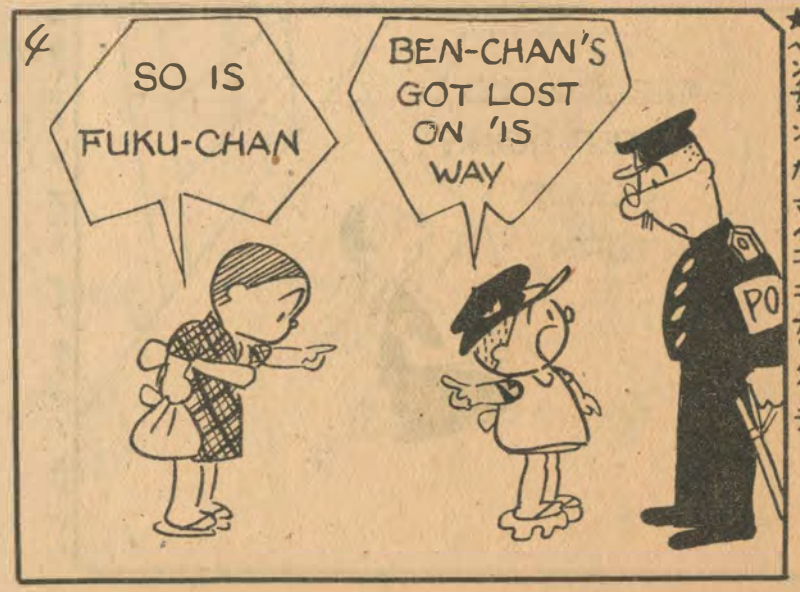

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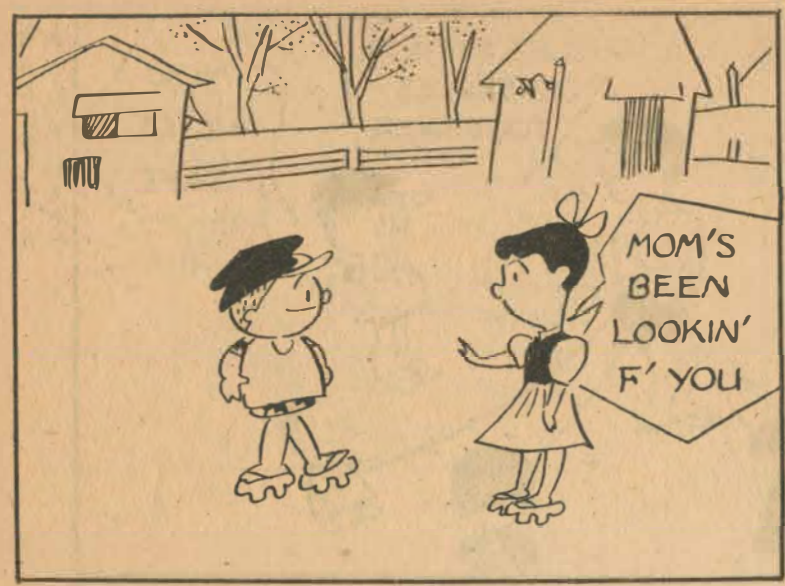

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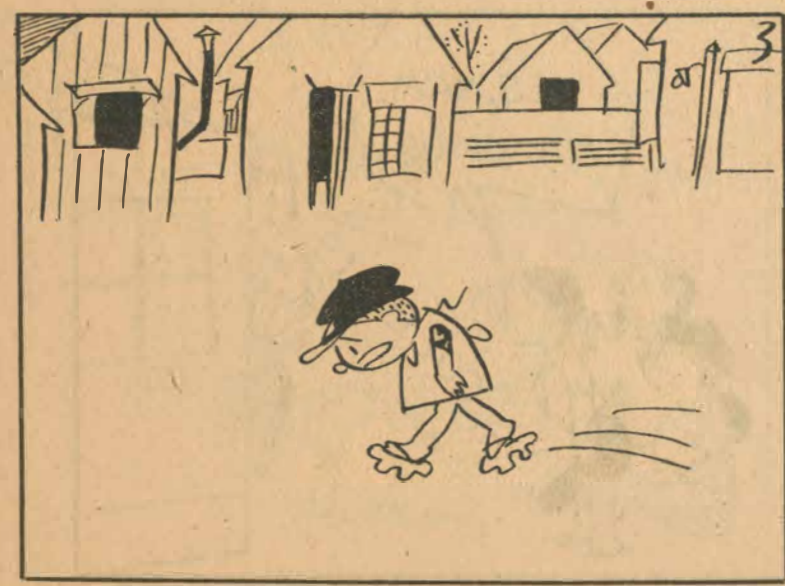

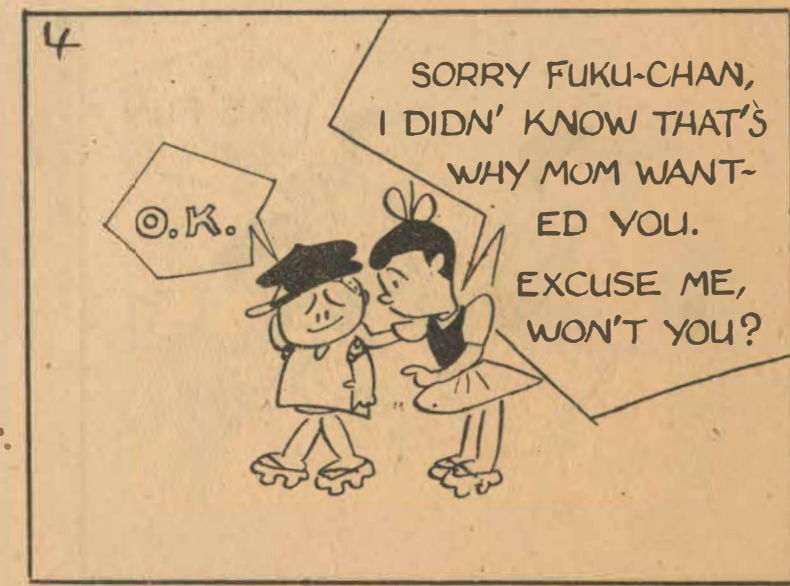

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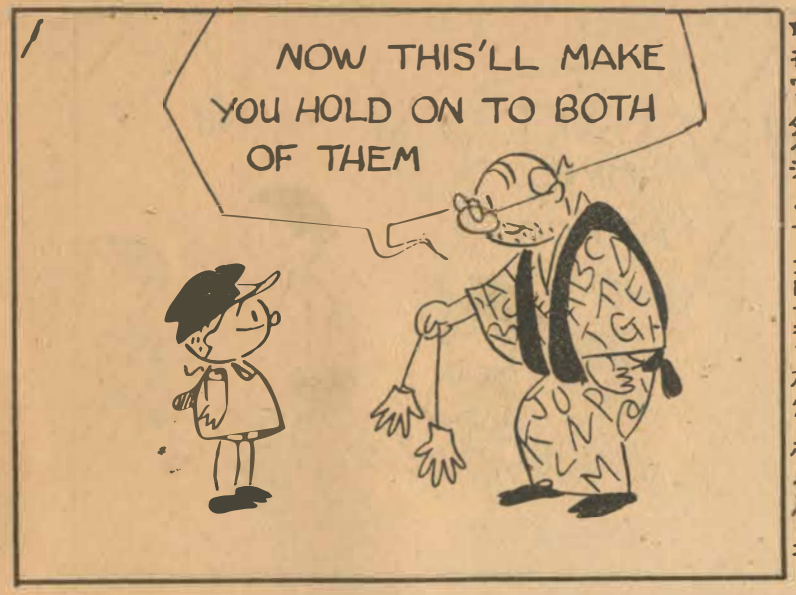

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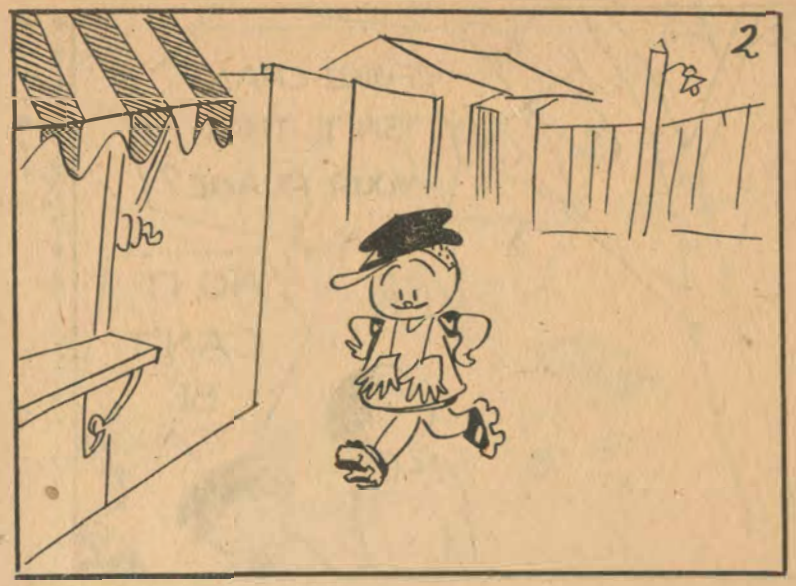

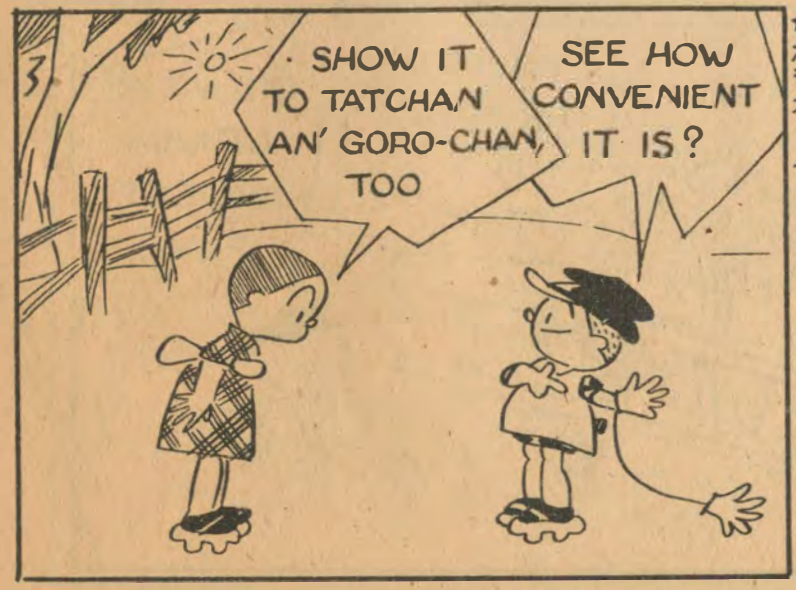

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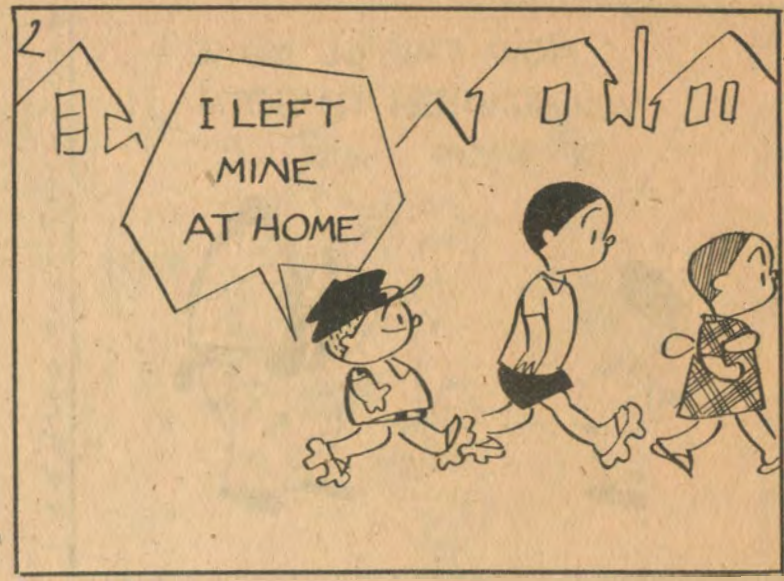

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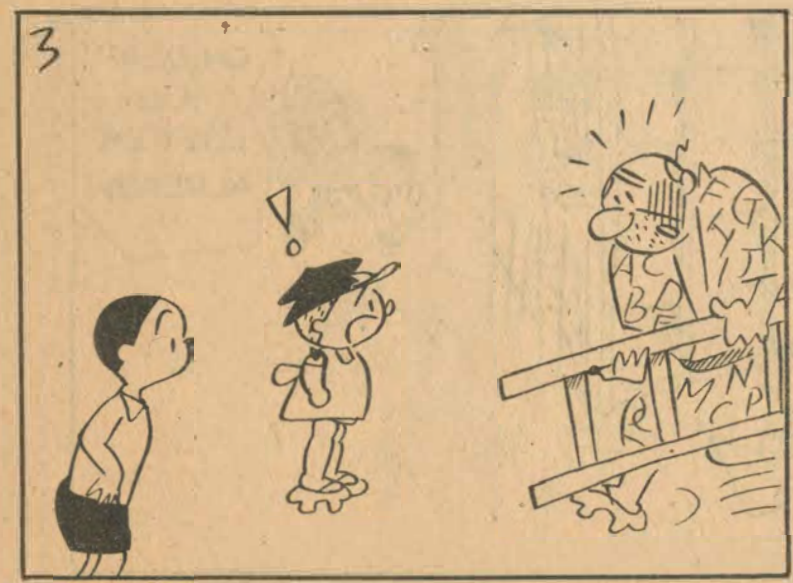

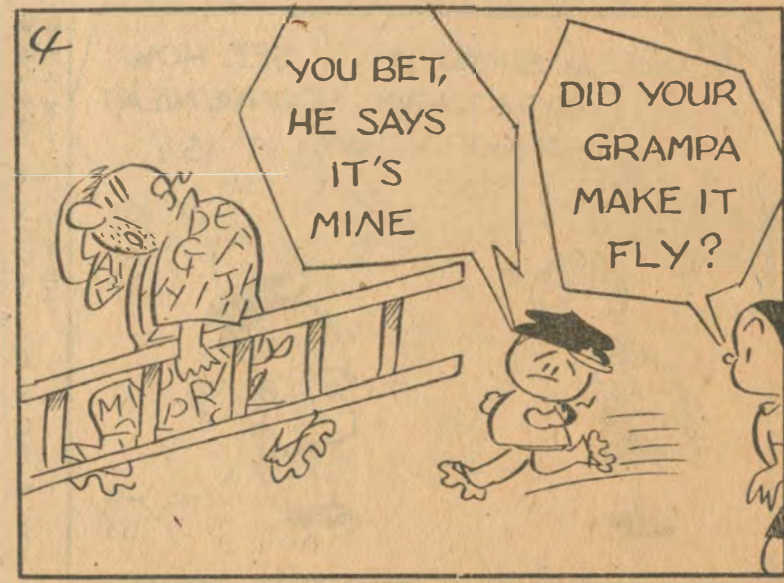

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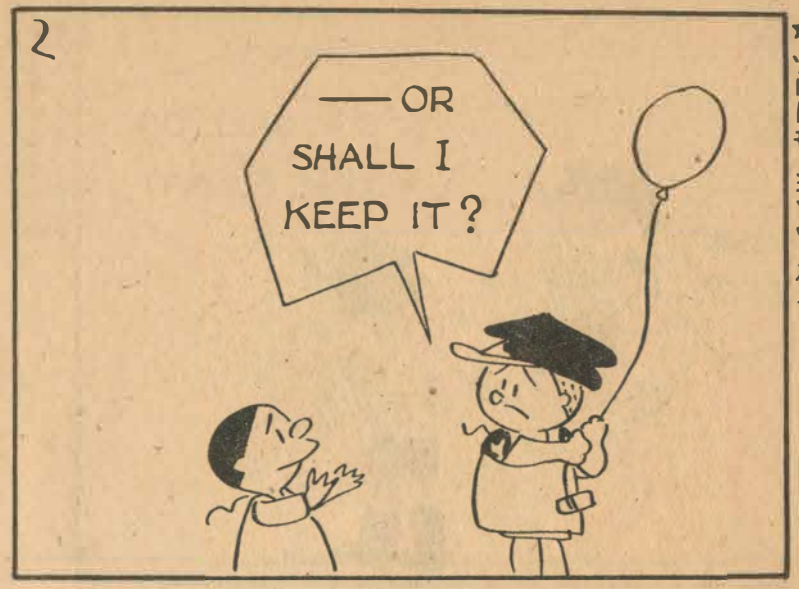

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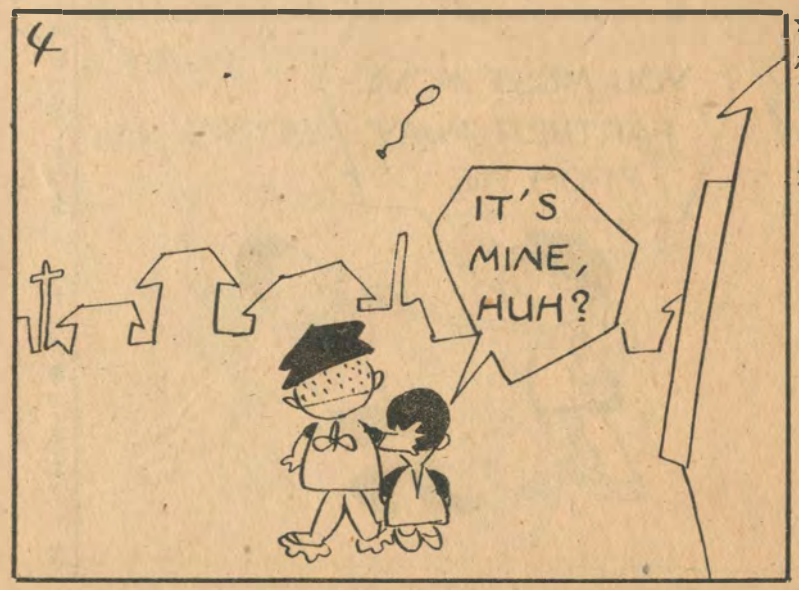

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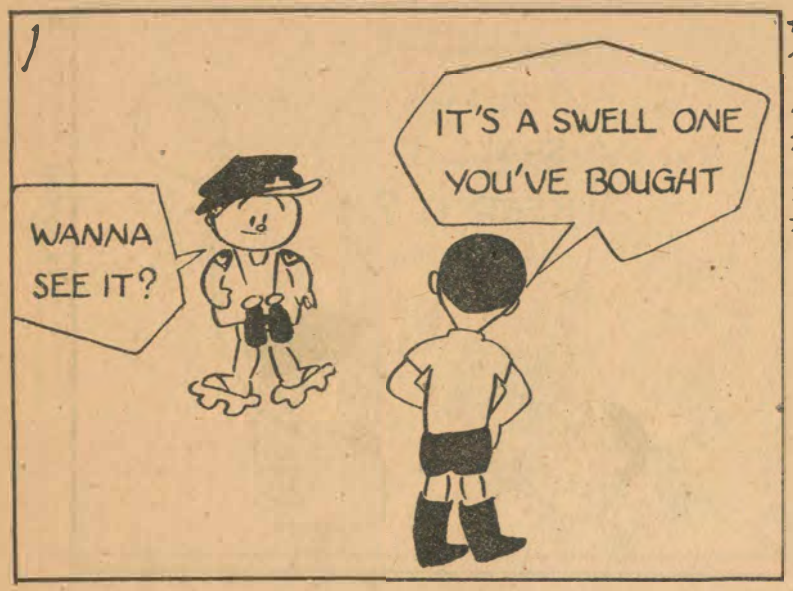

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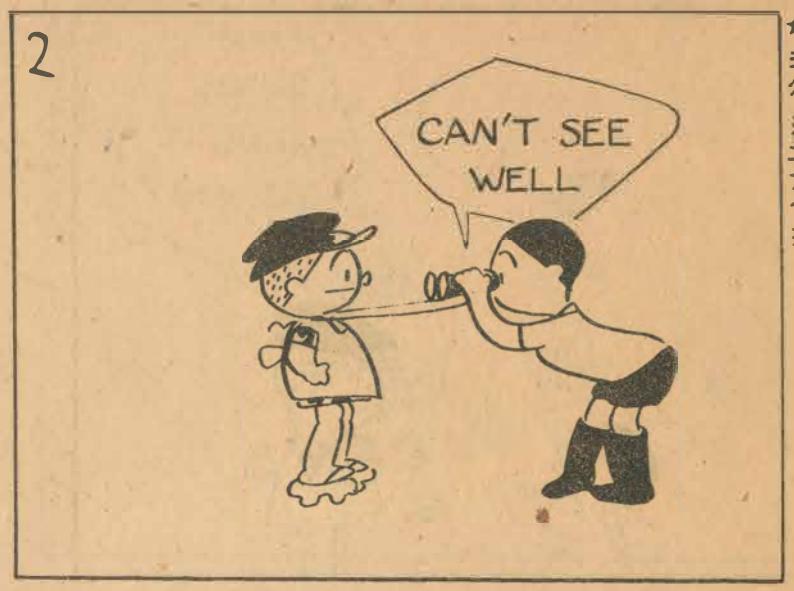

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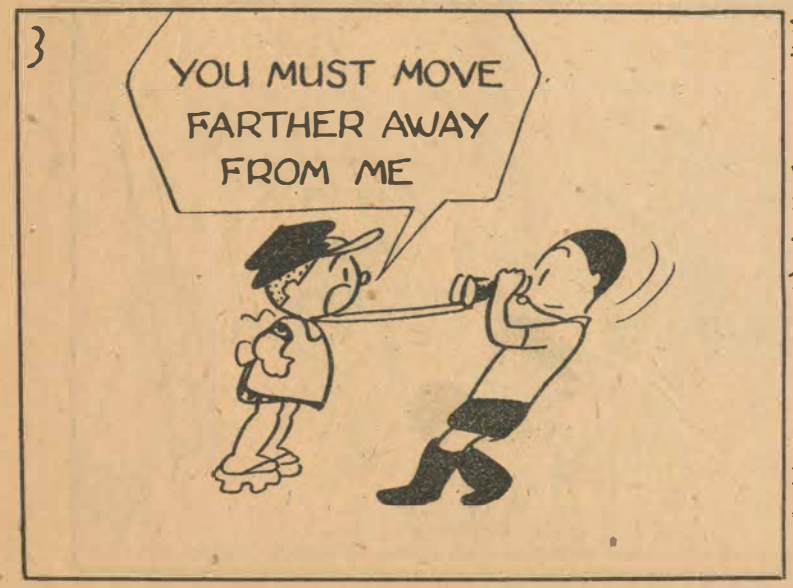

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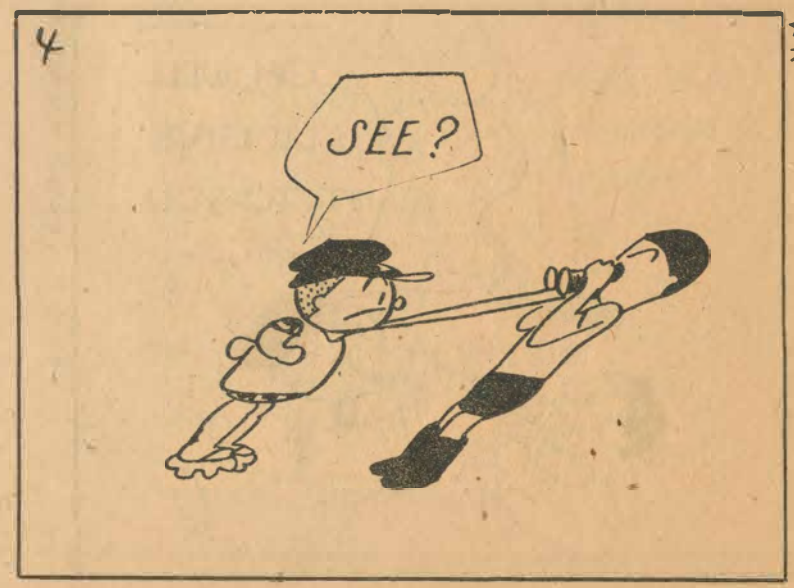

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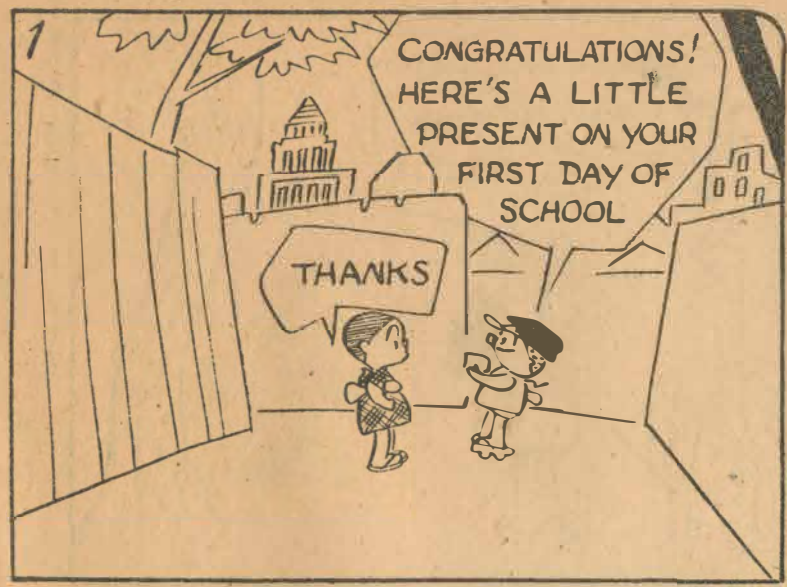

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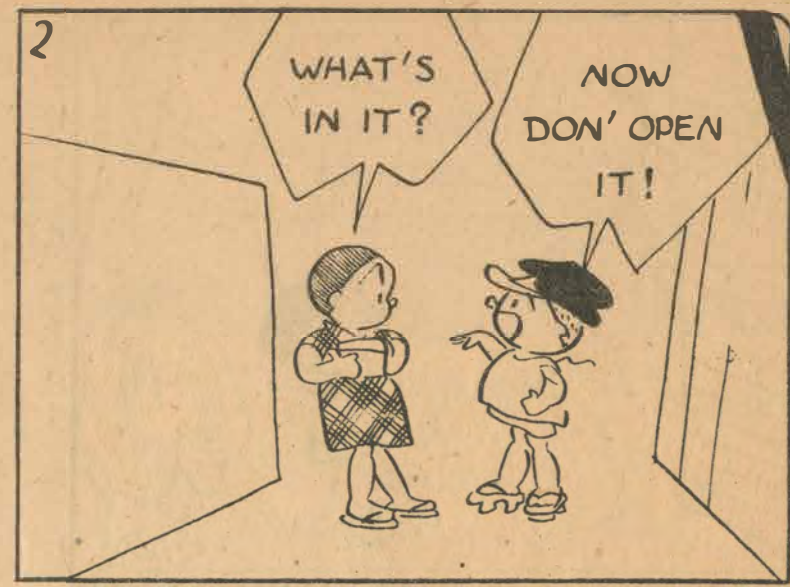

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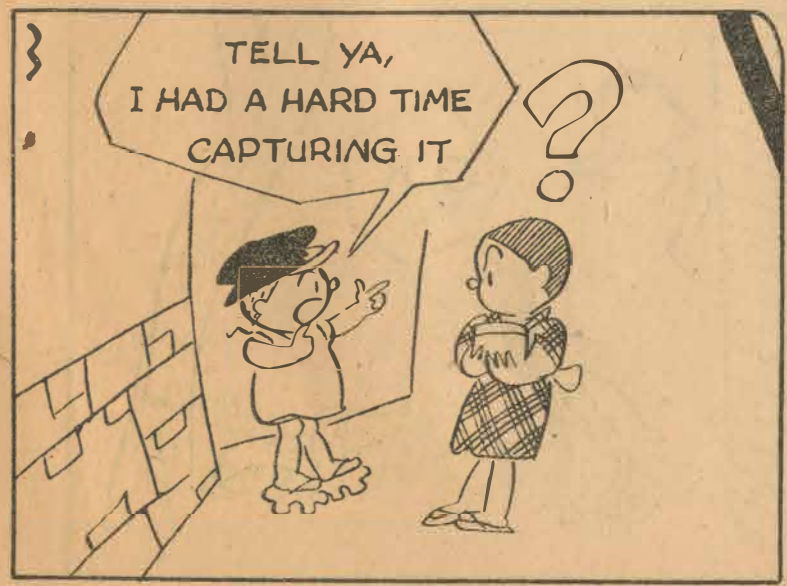

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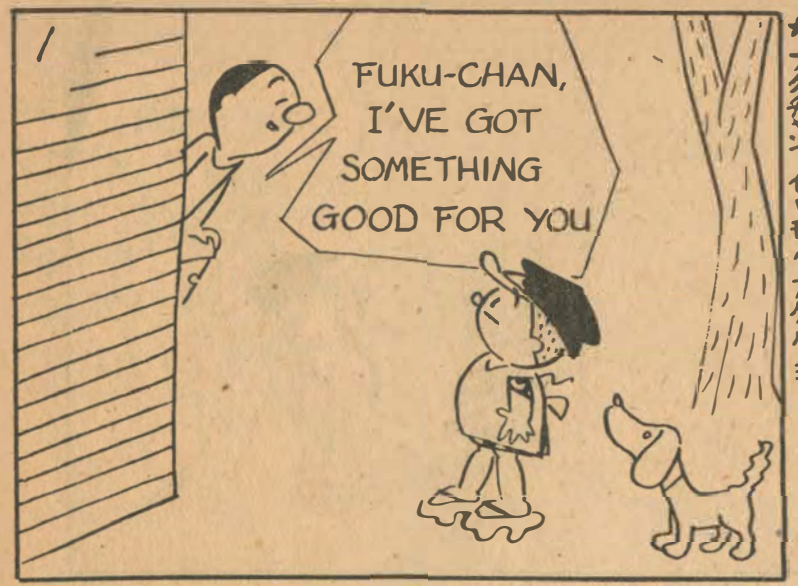

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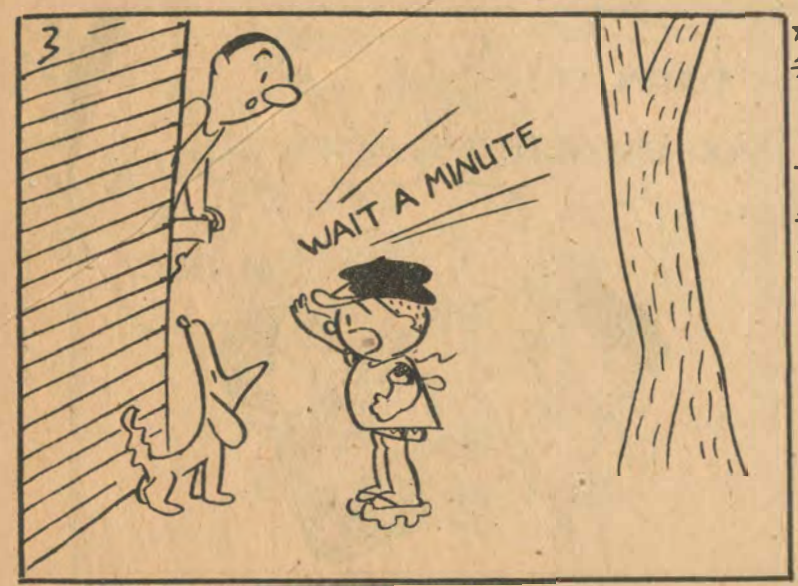

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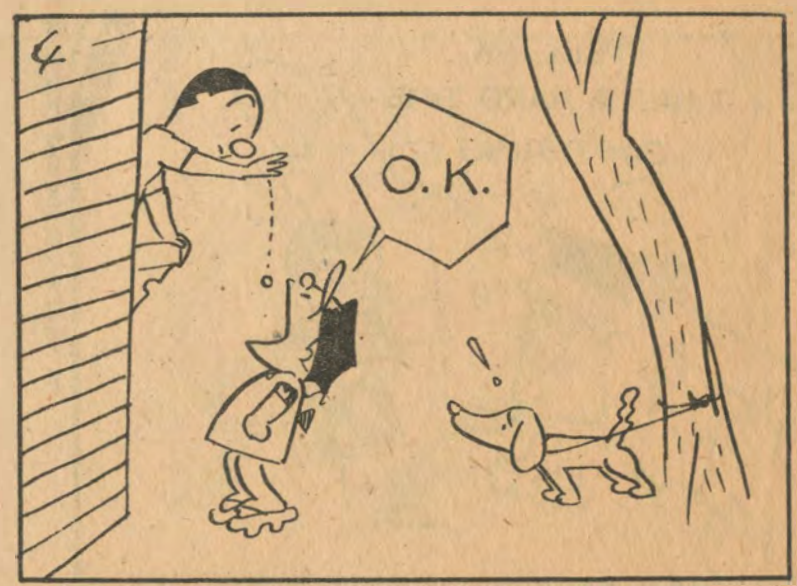

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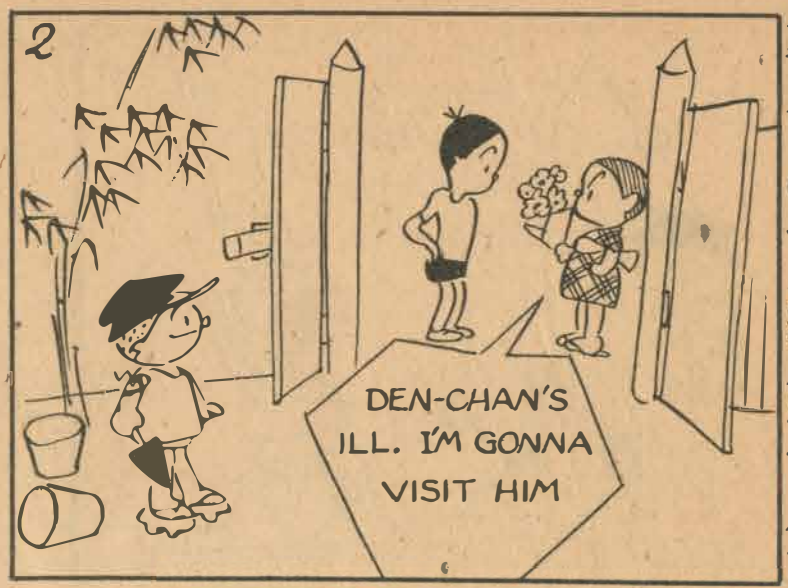

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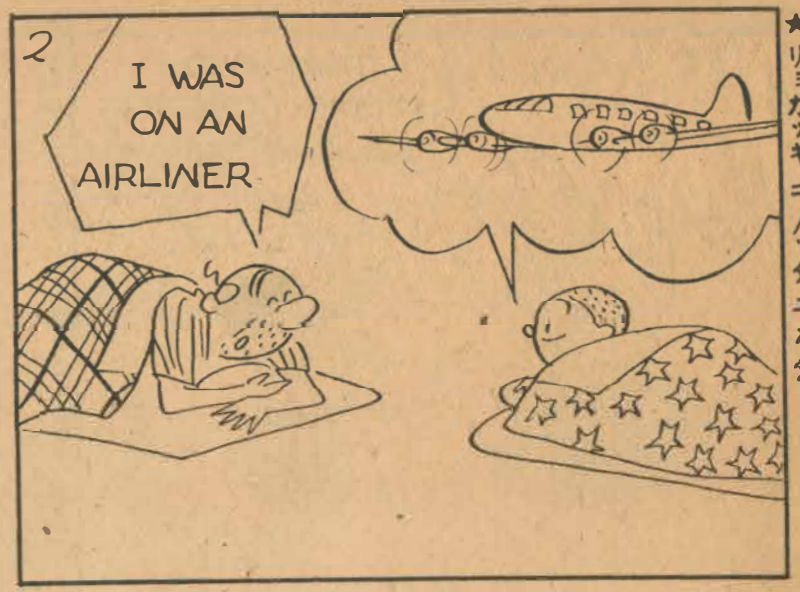

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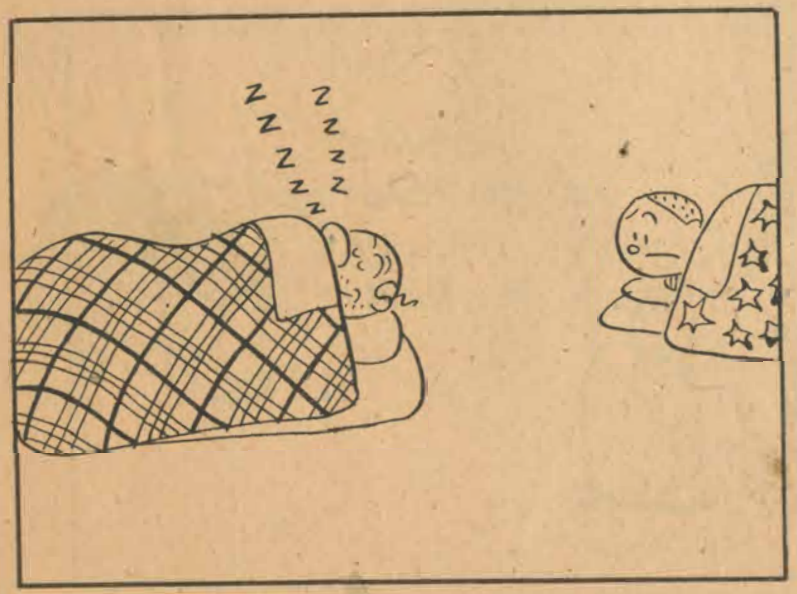

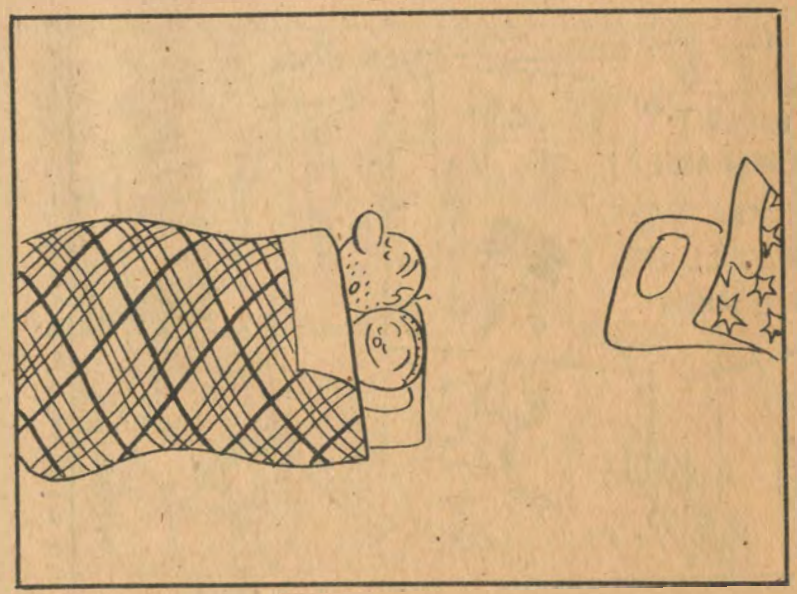

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